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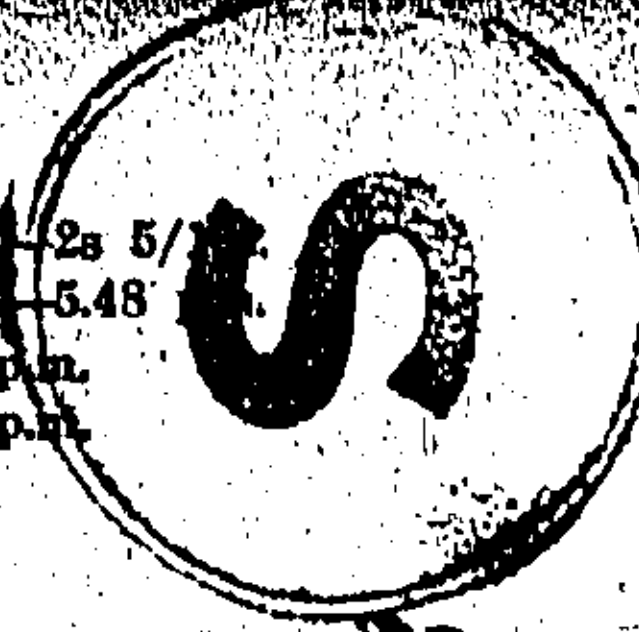
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THE KING'S SUDDEN SETBACK.

STRENGTH LESS WELL
MAINTAINED.

UNSATISFACTORY BULLETIN
LAST NIGHT.

ANXIETY RENEWED.

London, Dec. 27.
Anxiety for His Majesty has been revived this evening by the publication of an unsatisfactory bulletin, suggesting a setback. The fear that this would prove to be the case was aroused by the authorisation of official announcements in the afternoon as well as the morning, though no bulletin was published.

In the morning it was stated that His Majesty had spent a quiet night, there being little change in his condition. Reuter was officially informed at 3.15 p.m. that there was no change in the King's condition.

The bulletin, the only one of the day, posted outside Buckingham Palace at 8.20 p.m. states:

"During to-day the King's condition has not been so satisfactory. There has been a disinclination to take nourishment and His Majesty's strength has been less well maintained. The pulse remains steady."

(Signed) Stanley Hewitt.
Hugh Highy.
Dawson of Penn.

It is understood on high authority that the King's doctors will resume the issue of bulletins in the morning as well as evening to-morrow.

It is felt in circles competent to judge that to-night's bulletin indicates a slight temporary, but none the less definite check in the King's progress.

Lack of Nourishment.

It is pointed out that though the doctors have recently emphasised that His Majesty's progress must necessarily be slow and tedious, the improvement has been even slower than was anticipated.

This unfortunate fact is probably owing to the difficulty of inducing the Royal Patient to take nourishment, the main item of which for some time has been raw eggs.

Even the statement that the pulse remains steady is not regarded as an altogether reassuring sign, since it denotes that while the doctors are satisfied at the moment, they are watching the future with very great attention.

Less Confidence.

There is a less confident atmosphere at Buckingham Palace to-night, in contrast to the past few days.

It is also regarded as significant that for the first time since Sunday, Drs. Howitt and Woods, the Ray Therapy experts, called at the Palace to-night to administer further ray treatment.

An official statement says that owing to the King's illness, the Prime Minister is unable to make the customary submission to His Majesty for the New Year honours list, which consequently is postponed.—Reuter.

A General Review.

London, Dec. 28.
Reuter learns this morning that no alarm need be felt at present in regard to the King's condition. The anxiety which has continued during the past week, still exists.

The present position is summarised as follows: The King has had, and still has, a very narrow margin of safety. A check in progress in the case of a man in such a weak condition as His Majesty must be serious.

A bacteriological examination was carried out yesterday afternoon, and it is understood that the doctors intend to carry out a further review of the whole case to-day when they hope that His Majesty may regain some of the ground lost.

The result of the lapse in progress is that His Majesty's margin of safety has become smaller.

Until the King can reach a condition where the margin is wider, anxiety will continue. Reuter.

NEW YORK-HAVANA SHIPPING WAR?

CUNARD LINER SAILS FULL
WITH PASSENGERS.

U.S. CONTESTING BID.

New York, Dec. 27.
Much speculation regarding the prospects of a first-class shipping war between British and American companies has been aroused by the recent announcement that the Cunard Line proposed to make a bid for the New York-Havana passenger traffic.

It will be recalled that following the decision to put the s.s. Caronia, a 20,000-ton liner, on the service, the United States Shipping Board immediately switched the President Roosevelt on the route, while the New York and Cuba Mail Steamship Company (the Ward Line) announced a reduction of twenty-five per cent. in passenger rates.

The Ward Line, however, has no vessel under its control of more than 7,000 tons, and despite its rate cutting, the s.s. Caronia made her first invasion of the Havana trade to-day, sailing from New York with a full passenger list.

Whether a first-class shipping war is to develop remains to be seen, but the New York World declares that the U. S. Shipping Board's action in the matter has been hasty and ill-considered.—Reuter's American Service.

YOUTH'S MOTORING ESCAPADES.

SCHOOLBOY AGAIN IN
TROUBLE.

REPULSE BAY AFFAIR.

Wong Kai-wing, a 16-year-old schoolboy who figured in a recent escapade which ended disastrously in a motor-crash and his appearance before the Magistrate for negligent driving and driving without a license, was again before Major C. Willson this morning to answer further summonses in connexion with another exploit.

Having been refused a driver's license by the Traffic Office on account of his age, it would appear that Wong had made a practice of borrowing public cars and driving them himself.

It was during one of these spins, shared with a party of cronies, that he had the ill-luck to crash into another car, owned by the Consul for Cuba, in Macdonnell Road.

Despite this experience, Wong was soon again at his tricks, and, for the second time, he was summoned.

The incident with which the new summonses were connected was stated to have occurred at Repulse Bay. After borrowing a public car, defendant drove it to Repulse Bay where, while speeding and driving on the wrong side of the road, he was seen by a traffic officer.

His Worship pointed out this morning that it was only yesterday that defendant appeared before him for committing similar offences.

To the defendant:—"You seem to be becoming a public danger, behaving like this. You are fined \$50 for negligent driving and \$10 for driving without a license."

HONGKONG STEAMER IN DISTRESS.

TAIKOO TUG LEAVES TO
ASSIST.

It is reported that the s.s. Lyemun ex s.s. Gorgon, (Captain Holmes), owned by the Wo Fat Sing S.S. Co. and employed on the Saigon-Hongkong run, is in a crippled condition near Haiphong, damage to her tail shaft and propeller necessitating her proceeding at considerably reduced speed.

The Taikoo tug was despatched this morning to render aid, but no further news is yet to hand.

The s.s. Lyemun left Hongkong for Saigon on December 11 last and was presumably returning with a full cargo of rice.

EVE OF THE THIRD TEST MATCH.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN
SELECTED.

THREE CHANGES FROM THE
SYDNEY TEAM.

NO ENGLAND CHANGE.

It is doubtful if Australia ever looked forward to a cricket engagement with England with greater anxiety than to-day on the eve of the Third Test Match, which opens at Melbourne to-morrow.

The game is vital from the Australian point of view as England, having won the first two, require victory in this to ensure the retention of the mythical "Ashes." With a record of great achievement behind them, Chapman's men view the prospects with confidence, but Australia have a reputation of playing their best with their backs to the wall, and a real fight is certain. The probabilities are that it will be a long drawn out encounter, exceeding the six days allowed on the M.C.C. time-table.

Unenviable Task.

The Australian selection committee, by reason of the injuries to Ponsford and Gregory, and the illness of Kellaway, have had an unenviable task, particularly as some of their brightest hopes have failed so far to perform in accordance with expectations.

A surprise announcement is that while Ryder is not deprived of the captaincy, the appointment of the skipper for the Third Test has not been decided upon, the verdict being left till to-day.

Australia will be represented by:

J. Ryder (Victoria),
W. M. Woodfull (Victoria),
A. F. Kippax (New South Wales),
H. L. Hendry (Victoria),
C. V. Grimmett (S. Australia),
D. Blackie (Victoria),
D. Bradman (New South Wales),
V. Richardson (S. Australia),
R. M. Oxenham (Queensland),
E. L. A'Beckett (Victoria),
W. A. Oldfield (New South Wales).

T. J. B. Andrews, of New South Wales, the former Test player has been chosen as twelfth man.

The problems of the selectors, Messrs. E. E. Bean (Vic.) W. Burdley (N.S.W.), J. Hutcheon (Queensland) and Dr. C. E. Dolling (South Australia), are revealed by the fact that only five of the players were in the team which visited England in 1926.

Three Changes.

Three changes are made from the Second Test team, Oxenham, Bradman and A'Beckett replacing Ponsford, Ironmonger and Dr. Nothing.

Oxenham is an all-rounder, chosen for the First Test but relegated to twelfth man. He has been very successful for Queensland in every department of the game.

Bradman played in the First Test scoring 18 and 1, being dropped in the Second for Victor Richardson. He is obviously brought in to remedy as far as possible the loss of Ponsford.

A'Beckett is one of the younger generation, and is a very likely bowler, who plays with dash, energy and stamina. He bowled continuously and well for Victoria against New South Wales last season. He reminds one of Maurice Tate, in that he is almost as fast and a seam swerver, the difference being that Tate knows by the way he holds the ball which way and how much it will do in the air, while it is doubtful if A'Beckett has reached that stage of efficiency.

Ironmonger's Bowling.

It is somewhat surprising to find Ironmonger dropped. He bowled well and accurately in the First Test, being accorded much praise for his consistency of length and persistency of purpose on a hot day in discouraging circumstances. He sent down no fewer than 94 overs taking four wickets. In the Second Test, Ironmonger took 2 for 142 in 68 overs in the first innings, bowling more than any other player in both matches.

R. A. F. RESCUES FROM KABUL.

SNOWFALL RENDERS TASK
HAZARDOUS.

REBELS DRIVEN BACK.

London, Dec. 27.

A severe defeat of the Afghan rebels is reported from Kabul, the news being received via Moscow. According to the report, a large army of loyal troops, headed by Valli Khan, the Minister for War, have driven back the rebels from Kabul and have occupied Bagh-balahill.

The insurgents have also been dislodged from the Darulaman Valley. Amanullah's troops in the east are holding the Jelalabad and Hamadak front.

Women and children evacuated by British aeroplanes from the Legations at Kabul other than British include sixteen Germans, ten French, one Swiss and one Rumanian, and approximately twenty of Italian, American, Persian, and Turkish.

There was serious fear that a heavy fall of snow would make the latter rescues impracticable, owing to the many other difficulties attending rescue by air, which are considerable.

The distance from Kabul to Peshawar is 160 miles and aeroplanes have to fly not only over wild country inhabited by hostile tribesmen, but also over lofty mountain peaks. Every precaution had therefore to be taken.

New Delhi, Dec. 27.
Foreign women and children were rescued in the nick of time from Kabul, as no further flying is possible.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

The final edition of to-morrow's Telegraph will contain the score at the close of the first day's play in the third Test Match.

Subscribers are therefore notified that their papers will be delivered at a later hour than is customary on Saturdays.

possible, the aerodrome at Kabul being under two feet of snow.

It is reported from Peshawar that King Amanullah may try to move the Government to Kandahar and attempt a strong offensive against the rebels.

The British Legation is in direct wireless touch with India, and the Afghan government situation at Kabul is stated to be definitely easier. There is no further fighting.—Reuter.

THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS
RECOVERY.

London, Dec. 27.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who has been ill with internal inflammation, and was unable to fulfil his Christmas engagements, has made good progress towards recovery.

The bulletin will now be discontinued.—British Wireless.

A big effort by Kippax in the New South Wales match is looked upon as a happy augury for the Test to-morrow, though he has not done well in these matches so far. Playing against Victoria in the Sheffield Shield to-day, he scored 230 (not out) putting on 307 runs in a partnership with H. Hooper (62) for the last wicket.

The 307 for the last wicket is a record in first-class cricket.

England's Team.

A. P. F. Chapman, the English skipper, and his colleagues, have decided to make no change from the eleven which won the Second Test at Sydney. The side, will, therefore, be as follows:

A. P. F. Chapman (Kent) capt.
D. R. Jardine (Surrey)
J. B. White (Somerset)
J. B. Hobbs (Surrey)
H. Sutcliffe (Yorkshire)
W. R. Hammond (Gloucester)
E. Hendren (Middlesex)
H. Larwood (Nottingham)
C. G. G. (Leicester)
M. W. Tate (Sussex)
G. Duckworth (Lanc.)

WOMAN AS BUCKET SHOP KEEPER.

MORE ARRESTS IN BIG
SCANDAL.

FINANCIAL PAPERS AND THE
GAZETTE DU FRANC.

STORM GATHERING.

Paris, Dec. 27.

M. Gillet, the managing director of the financial newspaper *Interpresse*, and M. Anquetil, the principal director of the financial paper *L'Avant*, which are alleged to have been associated with the *Gazette du Franc* scandal, have been placed under arrest.—Reuter.

Paris, Dec. 4.

The activities of Mme. Hanau, the divorced wife of Lazare Bloch, and the financial paper the *Gazette du Franc*, which the lady and her ex-husband together direct, have become a topic of the greatest interest.

Events Move Quickly.

Events have moved quickly since yesterday when, following allegations of bucket-shop dealings, Mme. Hanau and M. Bloch were examined by the judicial authorities with regard to the conduct of the paper.

As the clocks ceased to strike seven this morning the first moment when legal authorities may enter a private dwelling, save in the case of violent crime, the police knocked at the doors of Madame Hanau and M. Bloch and arrested them.

The lightning investigation is said to have revealed that between 100 and 600 million francs have gone up in smoke through the operations of the bright little woman, whose paper (*La Gazette du Franc et des Nations*) to quote its full title, cuts such a dash in good League of Nations and Locarno circles.

400 Branch Offices.

The returns she promised varied from eight to 48 per cent., and the eight per cent. dabblers, who perhaps saw themselves as prudent investors, have lost every sou with the same completeness and rapidly as the plungers at the higher figure.

Practically all the money is believed to have come from small savings, and the sumptuous offices of the bucket-shop have been besieged by crowds of unhappy lower middle class Frenchmen, who form the natural prey for speculations of this kind.

The bubble of the *Gazette du Franc*, whose allied companies are said to have 400 branch offices throughout France, was pricked by the evening *L'Ami du Peuple*, M. Coly's paper. Mme. Hanau is said to have led a life of excitement and luxury, finding relaxation from the maelstrom of the Bourse in night restaurants and champagne suppers. "The end of a corsair," the *Paris Midi* calls her arrest.

"Bluffing It Off."

When the storm gathered Mme. Hanau tried to bluff it off. On a speculator calling to ask for details of his account a few days ago she cried out so that all the establishment could hear, "This gentleman's tone displeases me. Please refund him at once all his money with his interest, and pay him 15 per cent. on top of it." Such a method could not be carried out for long, and few of his fellows had the same fortune.

Great excitement prevails among the public, not only on account of the huge sums lost in the bubble, but owing to allegations of political protectors behind Mme. Hanau. The *Liberte* demands their names and arrest, and calls on M. Barthou (who as a young Deputy denounced the Panama scandal), now that he is Minister of Justice, to see that those implicated do not escape through Parliamentary favour.

Humanite declares that the Radical papers the *Quotidien* and the *Volonte* and others are compromised in the affair. The *Quotidien* admits that it published misleading announcements from Mme. Hanau, but in good faith.

SMALL-POX STILL SERIOUS.

OVER 30 CASES REPORTED
YESTERDAY.

TOTAL NEARLY 400.

Small-pox still continues to figure prominently in the returns of notifiable diseases for the Colony, the latest statistics showing that no fewer than 33 cases were reported for yesterday, one being British and the remainder Chinese. Of these, 24 were from Kowloon districts.

This brings the total, since the outbreak first made its appearance at the end of October, to close on 400 cases. Up to Saturday last, the total cases were 342, with 115 deaths, and since then, a further 48 cases have been notified, bringing the total to 390.

The returns to date for completed weeks ending on the dates named are as follows:

	Cases	Deaths
November 3	6	0
November 10	22	6
November 17	31	9
November 24	17	8
December 1	33	25
December 8	61	16
December 15	91	29
December 22	81	22
	342	115

HAIPHONG CHINESE ARRESTED.

ALLEGED FALSIFICATION OF
ACCOUNTS.

IDENTITY QUESTION.

A report having been received from Haiphong of the disappearance of a Chinese shop folk with a large sum of money, which he is alleged to have stolen from the firm, the police were to have intercepted the man on his arrival here yesterday morning on a French coastal boat.

Owing to the vessel's arriving here earlier than was expected, the police missed the man, but found him later in the Ping On Boarding House.

The man was produced before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning on a charge of having in his possession 1293 French piastres, believed to have been stolen from the Wing Hing Mow firm of Rue Chinois, Haiphong.

The date of the theft is given as December 23.
Mr. T. Murphy, A.S.P., said that the information received by the police was to the effect that the amount involved through a falsification of accounts totalled \$80,000.

The accused, on stating that he was employed in a different firm to that with which he is alleged to have been connected, had been given an opportunity to send a telegram back to Haiphong for the purposes of identification.

Accused was remanded in police custody until Monday for further enquiries.

SHANGHAI MAYOR ADAMANT.

IGNORES ORDER TO REMAIN
AT POST.

Shanghai, Dec. 27.
Despite the order of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, requesting him to return to his post as Mayor of Greater Shanghai, Mr. Chang Ting-fan has failed to turn up at his office.

The Honan Provincial Kuomintang Department has wired to the Nanking Government urging it to prosecute the opium case with justice and severity.

Peking, Dec. 27.
Kuomintang extremists and "Leftist" followers have publicly announced their intention of calling a gigantic mass meeting to-morrow at the Tin An Mun ground, ostensibly to disseminate Kuomintang propaganda, but in reality to further the campaign against the Nanking Government. The Peking police have prohibited the meeting, on the ground of sedition.

DARCOILA TRIAL ADJOURNED.

BRITISH CREW AND
BAD FOOD.

PROSECUTION ACCUSED OF
CHANGE OF FRONT.

TELL-TALE TELEGRAM.

That the matter was one which should really have been dealt with by the Shipping Office was the reason given by Commander J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N., when he adjourned the case this morning at the Marine Court, in which twelve members of the crew of the s.s. Darcoila were charged with disobeying the lawful command of the Captain.

The defendants were William Burt (55), fireman; James McNally (39), fireman; Hendry Christie (19), fireman; Alec Faulkner (62), seaman; Charles Glendinning (57), seaman; Robert Jamieson (39), fireman; Alexander Fisher (52), fireman; John Sellars (61), fireman; George Davidson (42), fireman; Angus Beaton (29), seaman; Alfred Aries (17), cabin boy; and John Pickett (52), fireman.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared on their behalf, while Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton represented the master, Captain J. Ferguson. A representative of the J. C. J. Line, the charterers, was present in Court, and Mr. O. E. C. Marton held a watching brief on the Company's behalf. There was a large attendance, among those present being the Deputy Shipping Master, Mr. G. Coys, and the Revd. G. T. Waldegrave, of the Missions to Seamen.

Charge Amended.

When the Court resumed this morning, Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton asked leave to amend the charge to read (1) refusing without reasonable cause to proceed to sea, and (2) combining with others of the crew in disobeying the orders of the master so to impede the progress of the ship.

In doing so, he explained that there was no order to the men to sail. They came up five or ten minutes before the sailing time and refused to take the ship to sea, thus impeding the progress of the voyage.

Mr. Russ remarked that he would like to know what actual charges the defendants were called upon to answer. His friend, Mr. Brutton, had said yesterday that there was going to be an additional charge against each of the defendants, and now they learned that there was going to be another charge altogether.

Objection to Procedure.

Mr. Russ said he strongly objected to this procedure, which was entirely new in his experience. So far as he could make out, the Captain of the ship never gave orders at any time.

Mr. Brutton explained that the original charge was not framed by the Captain, but by the police.

Mr. Russ, interrupting, observed that it was his experience that the police were very capable. If the prosecution was going to proceed with the charge of conspiracy, then he would have to call a great deal more evidence. The prosecution seemed to him to "change ground every moment."

His Worship intimated that the Court would proceed with the charge as already framed.

Mr. Brutton then protested that he could not proceed any further on the charge as it stood.

More Astounded.

Mr. Russ remarked that the more he went into the case, the more he was astounded. He would like to know if there was any command given to the men. "Having heard the Captain yesterday," said Mr. Russ, "I don't know if he ever gave a command at all."

Mr. Brutton again pointed out that he was under the impression that the charges were framed as drawn by the Captain, and it was only when he saw it in the papers that he learned that the men had been charged with disobeying lawful commands. The amendments were the real charges and they did not deprive Mr. Russ (Continued on Page 18.)

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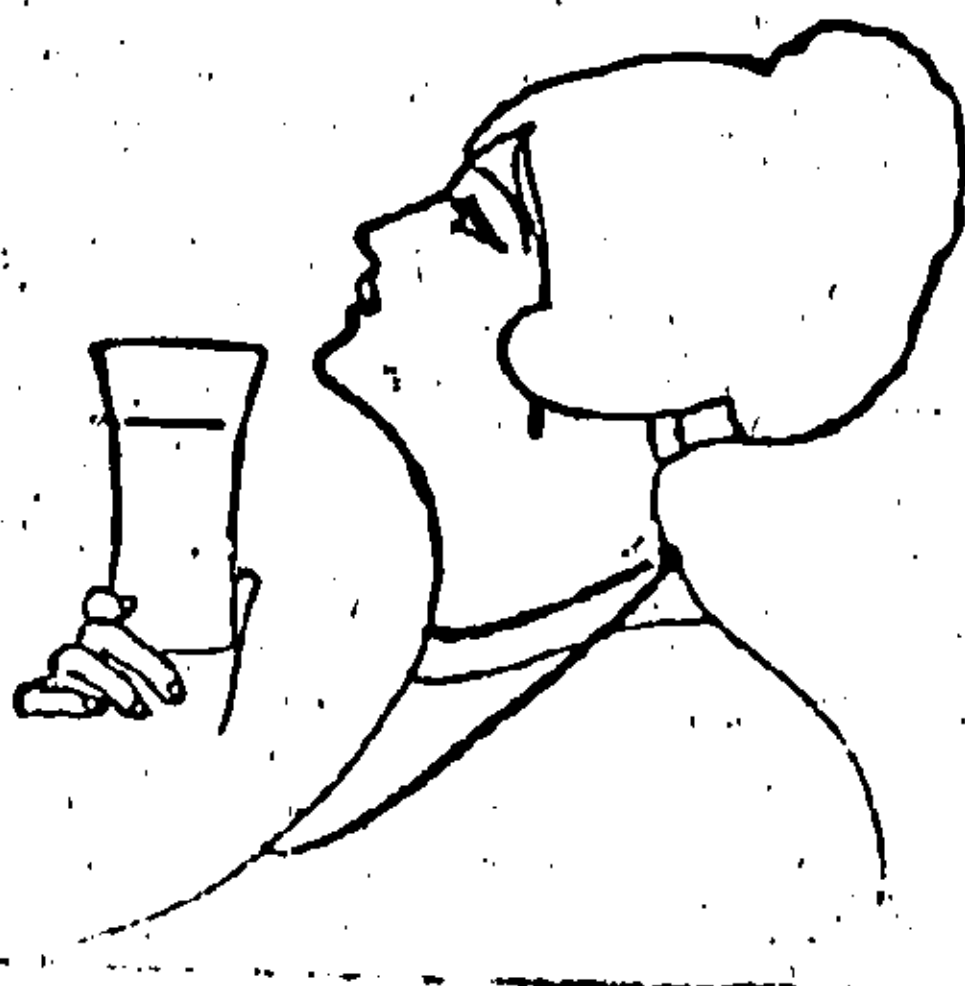
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CHINA'S LATEST TREATIES.

TEXT OF THE SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT.

PORTUGAL'S LOSS.

The text of the recently-concluded Sino-British Treaty is published, as well as the texts of several other treaties between China and the Powers.

Portugal's loss of extraterritoriality is to come into operation in a year's time, or at such other date as arranged.

The new Sino-Spanish Treaty has just been concluded, and will be published next week.

Shanghai, Dec. 27.

The full text of the Sino-British Treaty signed at Nanking on December 20 was issued this evening.

The preamble states that the King of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions, and Emperor of India, and the President of the National Government of the Republic of China, desiring to strengthen the good relations and facilitate and extend trade and commerce between their respective countries, resolved to conclude a treaty for this purpose, and appointed as their respective plenipotentiaries Sir Miles Lampson and Doctor Chengting T. Wang, the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Article One abrogates all the provisions of existing treaties limiting in any way China's right to settle her Customs tariff, and states that the principle of complete national tariff autonomy shall apply.

Article Two says that either country's nationals shall not be compelled to pay in the other's territories any duties, internal charges or taxes upon goods imported or exported other than, or higher than, those paid on goods of the same origin by British or Chinese nationals respectively, or aliens.

Article Three abrogates all provisions of existing Sino-British treaties limiting China's right to impose such tonnage dues as she may think fit, and states that British ships in China and Chinese ships in British territories shall receive treatment not less favourable than is accorded to alien ships.

Article Four lays down that ratifications shall be exchanged in London as soon as possible. The Treaty shall be enforced on the date on which the two parties notify each other that ratification has been effected. It adds that in the event of a difference, the English text shall prevail.

Import and Export Duties.

In a first annex, Sir Miles Lampson asks Dr. Wang to confirm his understanding that, firstly articles produced or manufactured in British territories and imported into China, and reciprocally articles produced or manufactured in China and imported into British territories, shall receive treatment not less favourable than that accorded to any other foreign country as regards import duties, internal taxation, transit dues and all matters connected therewith; secondly, that articles produced or manufactured in China and exported to British territories, and reciprocally articles produced or manufactured in British territories and exported to China, shall receive similar consideration.

Dr. Wang acknowledges and confirms this understanding as correct.

In a second annex, Sir Miles Lampson announces that the King, on behalf of the Governments of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, the Irish Free State, India, Newfoundland, Southern Rhodesia, and all the self-Governing Colonies and the Protectorates, renounces the rights to benefit by those provisions of existing treaties which limit in any way, China's right to settle her Customs tariff or impose such tonnage dues as she thinks fit, from the date the Treaty is enforced, and asks for an assurance by the National Government that goods produced or manufactured in any part of these territories or in British

mandated territories will be accorded most-favoured-nation treatment in China, so long as China's goods in these territories receive treatment as favourable as those of any aliens.

Sir Miles Lampson also asks for an assurance by the National Government that articles produced and manufactured in China and exported to any of the foregoing territories will receive most-favoured-nation treatment as regards export duties, internal taxation, or transit dues levied before export, or matters connected therewith, so long as goods produced or manufactured in such territory receive corresponding treatment as favourable as that accorded to goods exported by any other foreign country.

Dr. Wang's reply notes His Majesty's renunciations, and confirms the reciprocal treatment of goods.

The New Tariffs.

In a third annex, Sir Miles Lampson understands that the proposed rates, or specific rates based thereon, in the Customs tariff which the National Government is adopting are the same as those provisionally agreed upon at the 1926 Tariff Conference, and that these are the maximum rates to be levied on British goods; furthermore that these will remain the maximum rates thereon for at least a year from the date of enforcement, and two months' notice will be given of enforcement.

Sir Miles Lampson then draws attention to the National Government's proclamation of July 20, 1927, announcing the National Government's intention as soon as possible to take the necessary steps effectively to abolish like, native customs dues, coast trade duties, and all other taxes on imported goods, whether levied in transit or on arrival at destination and asks for an assurance that it is the National Government's intention that goods having once paid Customs import duty in accordance with the new or any subsequent national tariff, will be freed as far as possible from any further levies of the nature specified in the above proclamation.

Dr. Wang's reply confirms the correctness of this understanding, and confirms the terms of the proclamation of July 20, 1927 and gives the assurance requested.

In a fourth annex, Dr. Wang declares the intention of the National Government to apply new Customs tariff uniformly on all land and sea frontiers in China, and that from the date of enforcement, the present preferential rates levied on imports and exports by land frontier will be abolished.

Sir Miles Lampson's acknowledgment takes due note of this declaration, "with which Britain is in full agreement."—*Reuter.*

CHINA AND PORTUGAL.

Arrangements Regarding the Loss of Extraterritoriality.

Shanghai, Dec. 27.

The texts of the Sino-Dutch, Sino-Swedish, Sino-Danish and Sino-Portuguese Treaties are issued. All grant tariff autonomy. Portugal and Denmark give up extraterritoriality on the same terms as Belgium and Italy.

The second Article of the Sino-Portuguese Treaty states that the "nationals of each of the two high contracting parties shall be subject in the territories of the other party to the laws and jurisdiction of the law courts of that party, to which they shall have free and easy access for the enforcement and defence of their rights."

An annex to the Treaty says the National Government understands this is operative from January 1, 1930, before which date China will make detailed arrangements with Portugal for the assumption of jurisdiction over Portuguese in Chinese territory and failing such arrangements made by January 1, 1930, Portuguese citizens will be amenable to Chinese laws from a date fixed by China after having come to an agreement for the abolition of extraterritoriality with all the Powers signatory of the Washington Treaty; it being understood

RIZAL DAY.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF DEATH OF HERO.

On Sunday evening, the 30th inst., the Filipino Community of Hongkong will hold its customary Remembrance day to celebrate the 32nd anniversary of the execution on the Bagumbayan field, better known as the Luneta, in Manila, of Dr. Jose Rizal.

Rizal Day has become an institution in many parts of the world. For wherever two or three Filipinos happen to be gathered on that day, the remembrance of the day when Dr. Rizal was led out to be shot for no other reason than that he advocated a few elementary reforms, and had dared to tell the truth regarding the brutalities of the Guardia Civil and certain of the parish priests, is held.

Dr. Rizal was at one time a resident of the Colony where he had established himself as an oculist. He was a man of great renown, chiefly in Europe, where he was acknowledged to be one of the foremost oculists of the day. He was also a great writer and a continual thorn in the side of the Spanish obscurantists of his day. As a Freemason Dr. Rizal did not aspire to the higher degrees but was content to work in the Blue Lodge. His great aspiration was to establish a society based on Masonic usage but which should be open to all, economic rather than political. His great aim was the education of his people.

that such date shall be applicable to all such Powers.

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SINO-SPANISH TREATY.

New Agreement Signed Yesterday.

Nanking, Dec. 27.

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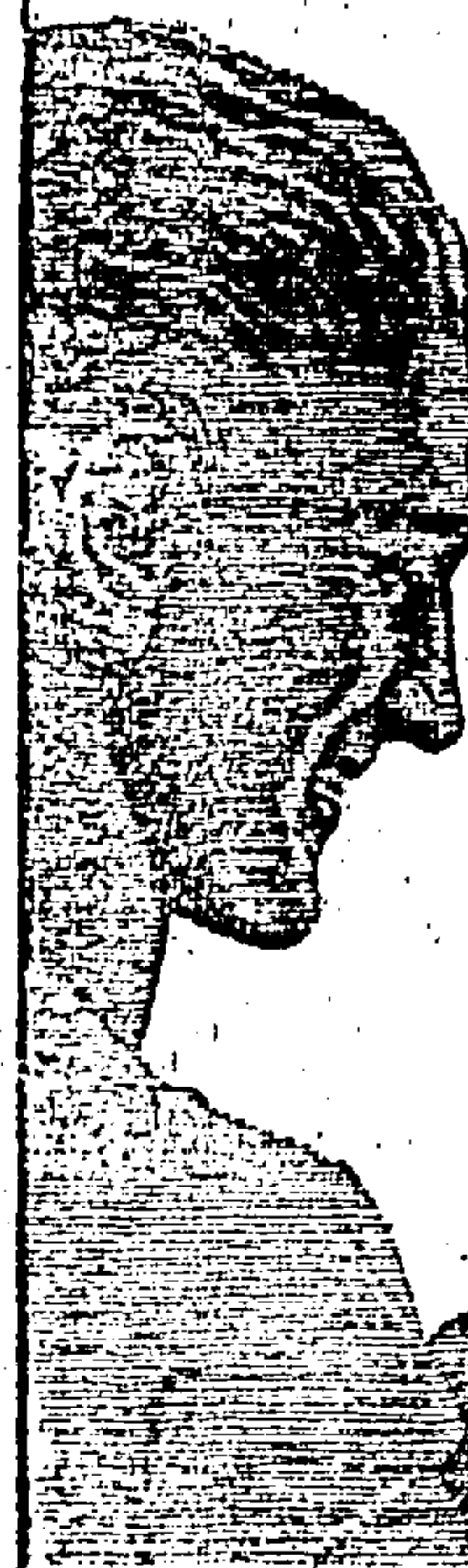
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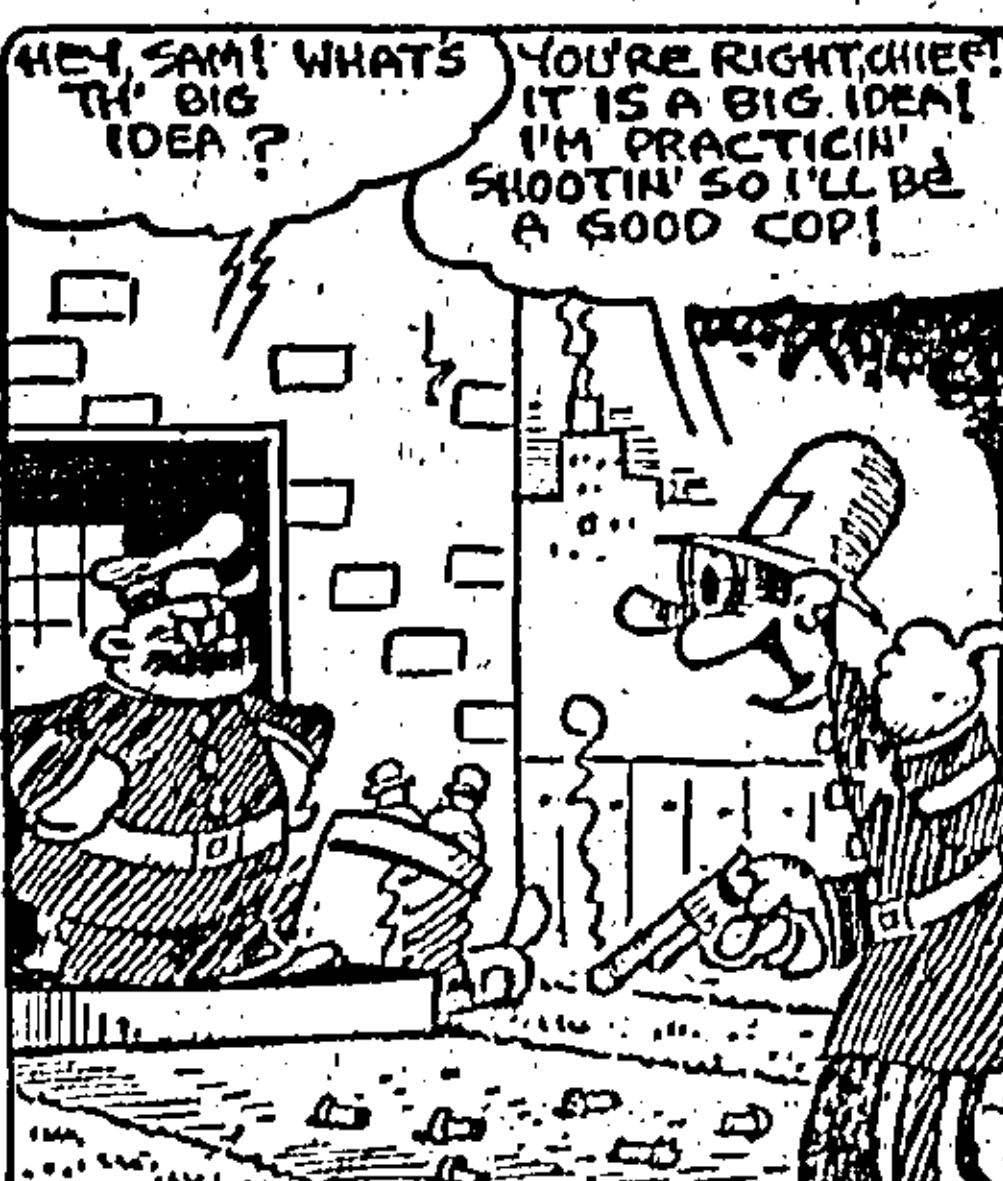
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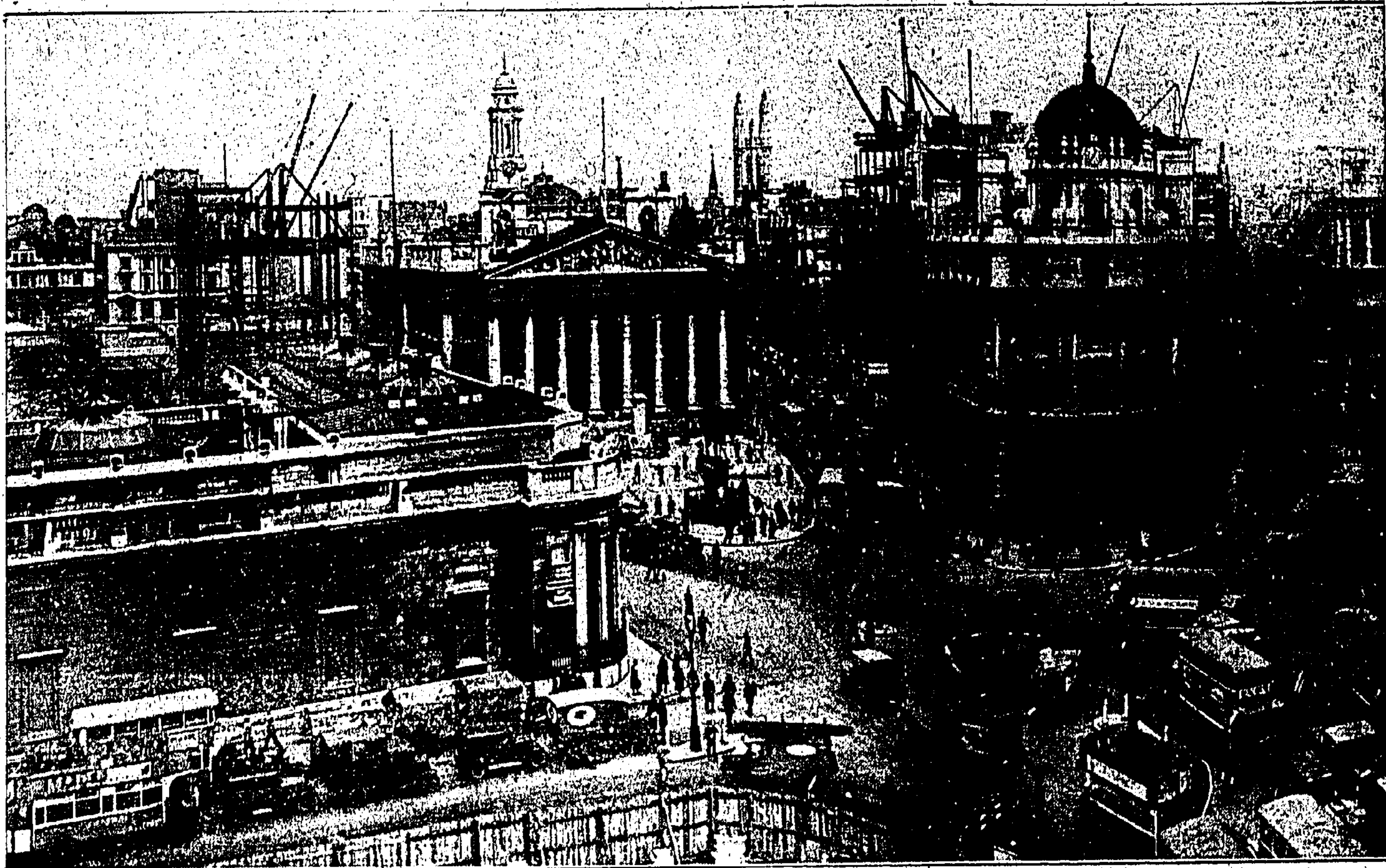


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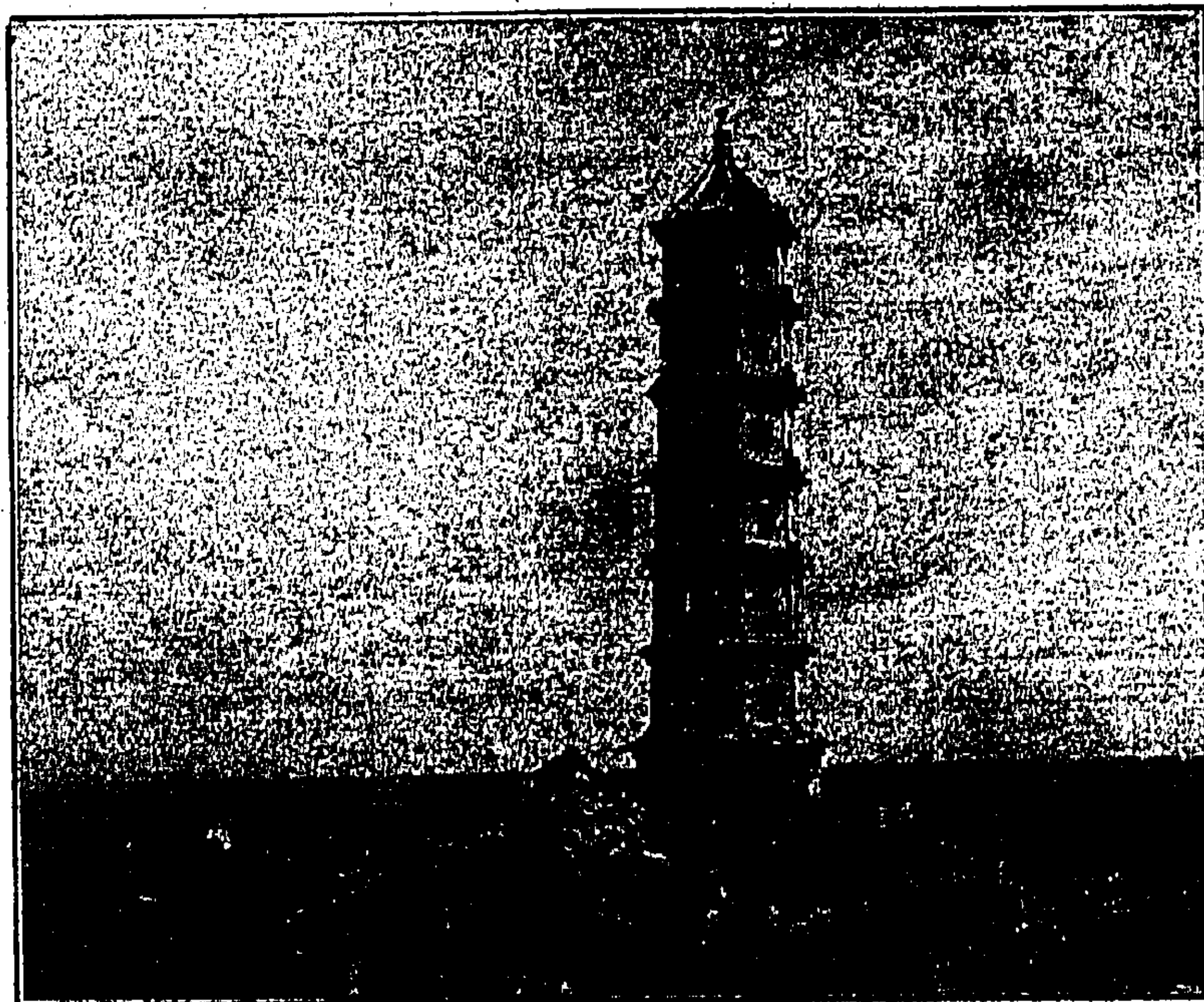




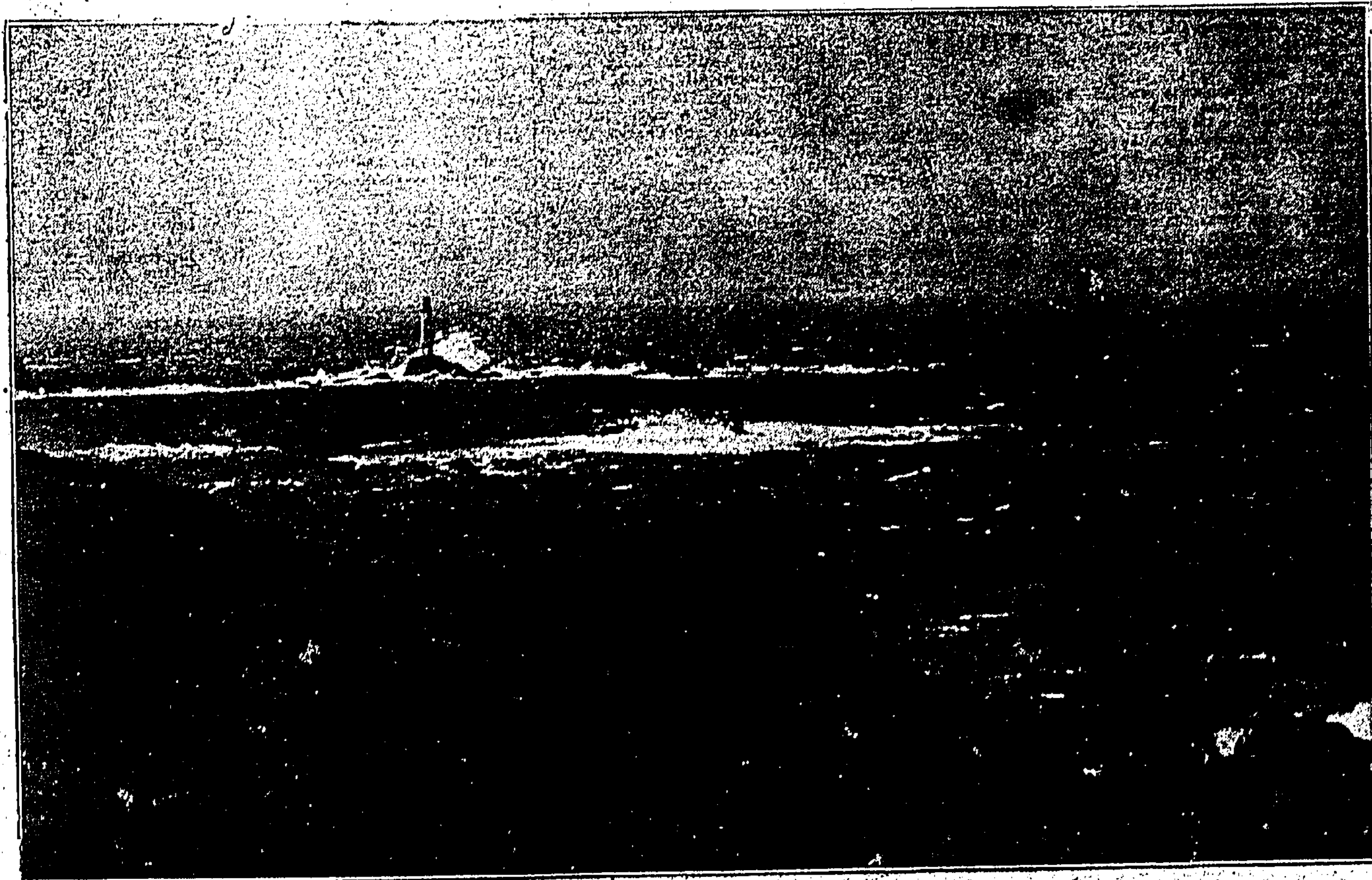
The demolition of a building at the corner of Princess-street and Poultry, party of the almost general reconstruction that has been going on in the City for several years, has revealed for the time being a new and comprehensive view of the area enclosed by the Bank of England, the Royal Exchange, and the Mansion House. The first sections of the steel framework of the new storeroys of the Bank of England are seen rising above Sir John Soane's wall. (Times copyright).



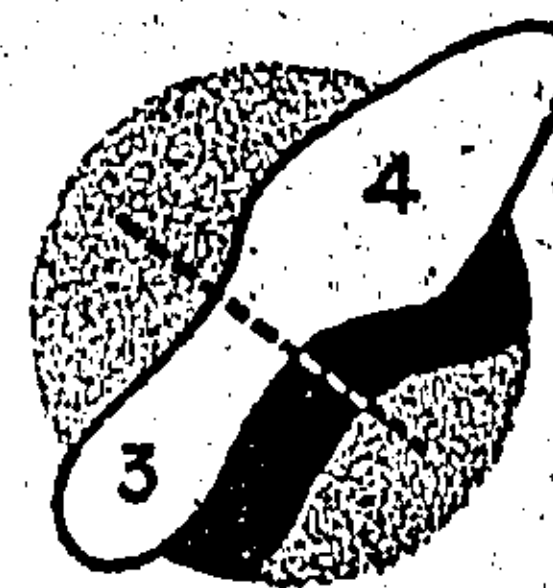
Miss Elizabeth M. Hare of Shanghai, who was married to Mr. Joseph E. Smith at Kulangsu, Amoy recently.



An interesting view of the mammoth pagoda at the top of Jade Fountain Hill, near Peking.



A photograph taken recently, looking across from Land's End to the Longships Lighthouse, Cornwall. A huge wave will be noted breaking over the Lighthouse, the lantern of which is 123-feet above high water mark. (Times copyright).



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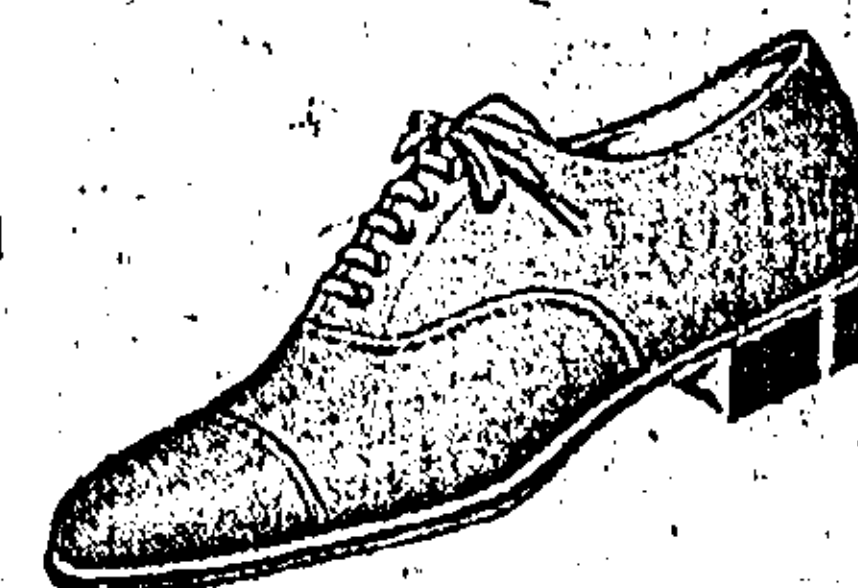
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We wish to point out that, while we will be pleased at all times to consider for publication all photographs sent to us, Messrs. Mee Cheung and Ming Yuen are the only firms empowered by us to use our name in this matter.

"THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."
Hongkong, Dec. 27th, 1928.

G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 31st day of December, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of One Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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Hongkong Bank, \$1325 n.
Chartered Bank, \$22 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$34 n.
E. and O. \$41 n.
East As's \$84 b.

Insurance.

Canton Ins., \$675 s.
Union Ins., \$365 b.
North China, Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$2.45 s.
China Fire, \$230 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$730 s.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$381 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$29 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$1 n.
Indo-China, (Def.), \$731 b.
Shell Trans., 118/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$224 b.

Mining.

Bonguets, \$2.50 n.
Kailans, 70/- b.
Langkats, Tls. 101 n.
S'hai Exploration, Tls. 2.80 s.
Rauba, \$51 b.
Tronchs, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$134 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$381 b.
China Providents \$5.10 b.
Hopkewa, Tls. 156 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 51 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 105 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13.15 n.
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Landa, Hotels, etc.
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Realities, \$81 s.

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Tramways, \$211 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 s.
Star Ferries, \$691 n.
China Lights, (Old) \$12 n.
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Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via-Siberia if so superscribed. The special rate of postage on newspapers published in Hongkong and addressed to British Possessions, China and Macao is 2 cents per 4 oz. and not 2 cents per newspaper.

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai, and Europe via Siberia, London, 7th and 8th December	President Wilson	December 29.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sunning	December 29.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and papers London 20th Nov.)	Kumsang	December 30.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Taft	December 31.
Manila	President Jackson	December 31.
Japan and Shanghai	Chenonceaux	January 1.
Shanghai	Mantua	January 4.
Straits	Allipore	January 4.
Shanghai	Persus	January 8.
Straits and London, parcel mail (London 22nd November)	Ningchow	January 12.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai Emp. of France		January 10.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For Date and Time.
Sami Shul and Wuchow Tel Ming Fri., Dec. 28, 4.30 p.m.
Parcels for Germany via Hamburg Koensberg Fri., Dec. 28, 4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard Sun Kong Thurs., Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
Japan Malacca Maru Thurs., Dec. 28, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Katori Maru Sat., Dec. 29.

Registration 28, 4.30 p.m.
Letters 29, 9 a.m.
G. P. O.
Registration 29, 8.45 a.m.
Letters 29th Jan. 1929.
(Due Marseilles, 29th Jan. 1929.)

Holchow Tean Sat., Dec. 29, 8.30 a.m.
Saloon and South Africa Manila Maru Sat., Dec. 29, 10 a.m.
Haiphong Tonkin Sat., Dec. 29, 1.30 p.m.
Parcels for Germany via Hamburg Duisburg Sat., Dec. 29, 10.30 a.m.
Manila Pres. Wilson Sat., Dec. 29, 5 p.m.
Swatow Hydrangea Sun., Dec. 30, 9 a.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow Hoan Maru Sun., Dec. 30, 9 a.m.
Hoichow, Pakhoi and Haiphong Limchow Tues., Jan. 1, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Haiphong Tues., Jan. 1, noon.
Amoy Sunning Tues., Jan. 1, noon.
Wei Hai Wei Kueichow Tues., Jan. 1, noon.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. and S. America, and Europe via San Francisco, and Europe via Siberia Pres. Jackson Tues., Jan. 1.
Parcels Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
Registration Jan. 1, 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.
(Due San Francisco 23rd Jan. 1929.)

Saloon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Chenonceaux Tues., Jan. 1.
Registration 10 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.
G. P. O.
Registration 11.15 a.m.
Letters Noon
(Due Marseilles 1st February, 1929.)

Manila President Taft Tues., Jan. 1, noon.
Straits and Calcutta Nam San Sat., Jan. 4.
Parcels noon
Letters 1 p.m.

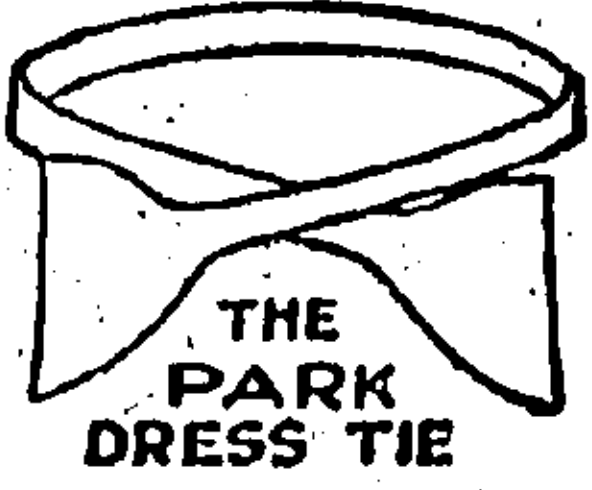
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Haiching Fri., Jan. 4, 1 p.m.
Mombasa, Laurence Marques and South Africa via Singapore Kamakura Maru Fri., Jan. 4, 5 p.m.
Japan Protelsaus Sat., Jan. 5, 10 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Mantua Sat., Jan. 5.
Parcels 4th, 4.30 p.m.
Registration 5th, 9 a.m.
Letters 6th, 10 a.m.
G. P. O.
Parcels 4th, 5 p.m.
Registration 5th, 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 1st Feb., 1929.)

Straits, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles Persus Tues., Jan. 8.
Registration 1 p.m.
Letters 1 p.m.
G. P. O.
Registration 1.45 p.m.
Letters 2.30 p.m.
(Due Marseilles 8th, February)

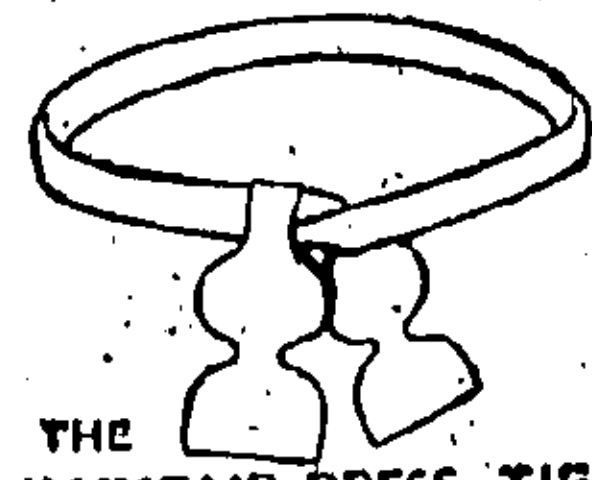
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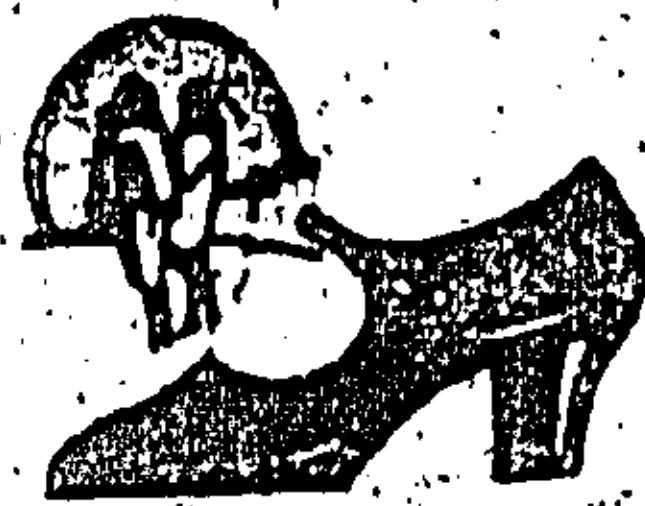
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WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

The Slimming Process.

[By Lady Nelsh.]

I have met more than one friend who has been helped to slimmness by putting reducing salts in her bath. I think the twenty minutes in hot water is one of the reducing secrets more likely to slim than the salts.

It is very unwise to take twenty minutes in a really hot bath unless you are strong, and in any case it is better to go to bed directly afterwards, and in no case to take a very hot bath after a meal.

Epsom salts, 1½ lb. to 2 lb. to a bath of water fairly full, are supposed to be extremely thinning. It is a harmless remedy, and will not offend a tender skin.

Personally I think exercises are better than hot baths and bath salts, because few of us want to be reduced all over, and unfortunately it is only here and there that the excess fat accumulates.

But why not try everything, including salts in a nice hot bath? I believe in piling Pelion on Ossa.

Pretty Ears.

IMPORTANT WHEN CHIGNONS & SHINGLES PREVAIL.

"Women have much prettier ears now than my clients of 20 years ago," said a well-known Dover-street beauty specialist. "Tight hats are a blessing in this way, for they keep the ears close to the head."

A Desperate Remedy.

"I always, of course, advise my clients with really ugly ears to wear a fairly long shingle, and not to aspire either to the vogue of curls behind the ears or to the chignon."

An actress recently had to appear, however, in a chignon, and I had to strip her, ear back with plaster! This desperate remedy cannot, for obvious reasons, be adopted for ordinary purposes.

The most prevalent difficulty when cold weather starts is the vivid redness of the ears that appears often to mar an otherwise perfect make-up. For this I give a thoroughly good ear-massage.

Treatment to do at Home. "Treatment must also be done at home. If the skin is dry, as most commonly happens in cold weather, a softening liquid is applied with cotton-wool every morning, a strong astringent being substituted in the case of naturally oily skin."



Hair that is not quite long enough to allow the turning under of ends, can be caught at the base of the head with a comb and brushed up into a fan to simulate a chignon.



Mary Pickford's loss of her curls a few months back was a world topic of conversation. But Mary seems to be decidedly in favour of bobbed hair, for in this, her latest picture, she shows how much shorter she's wearing her tresses these days.

Short Skirts & Hair.

NOTES ON HAIRDRESSING.

Rumour is so busy with the problem of long hair or short, that the most obvious indications are very often missed altogether. Because schoolgirls are growing long hair it is assumed that the younger generation will have chignons, and that therefore anyone who does not wish to be out of date must have chignons. It is true that there are a good many chignons, but very few will be found to belong to the particular head upon which they are worn. Also schoolgirls are certainly growing long hair, but the moment they put it up they are confronted with the hat difficulty. And there is no doubt that hats are as small as ever they were, and even smaller.

At the milliners a few bunches of curls may be worn, but only a girl with the smallest possible head and the finest possible hair can venture to wear long hair. The mannequins no longer wear the hair close to the head, but it is nevertheless quite short, with at the most a bunch of curls round the ears. Fluffy hair is coming into vogue, and the danger is that it may become untidy. It allows, however, for rather more individuality than the rigid lines of the permanent wave, and even permanent waves are being adjusted to be a little less severe than heretofore. A little fluff at the back too offers compensation for those backs of whose heads leave something to be desired. Hair, like dress, this season is short in the main, but with the licence which frills and flounces give to skirts.

Well Dressed.

ON LOOKING ONE'S BEST.

The present trend of clothes sends one, extravagantly, to buy, not a best dress, to be hung away in a protecting closet, but the best sort of dresses to meet the needs of every day.

We like to look as nearly our best as we can at all times, knowing the value of vanities that do not seem like vanities, as well as vanities that do.

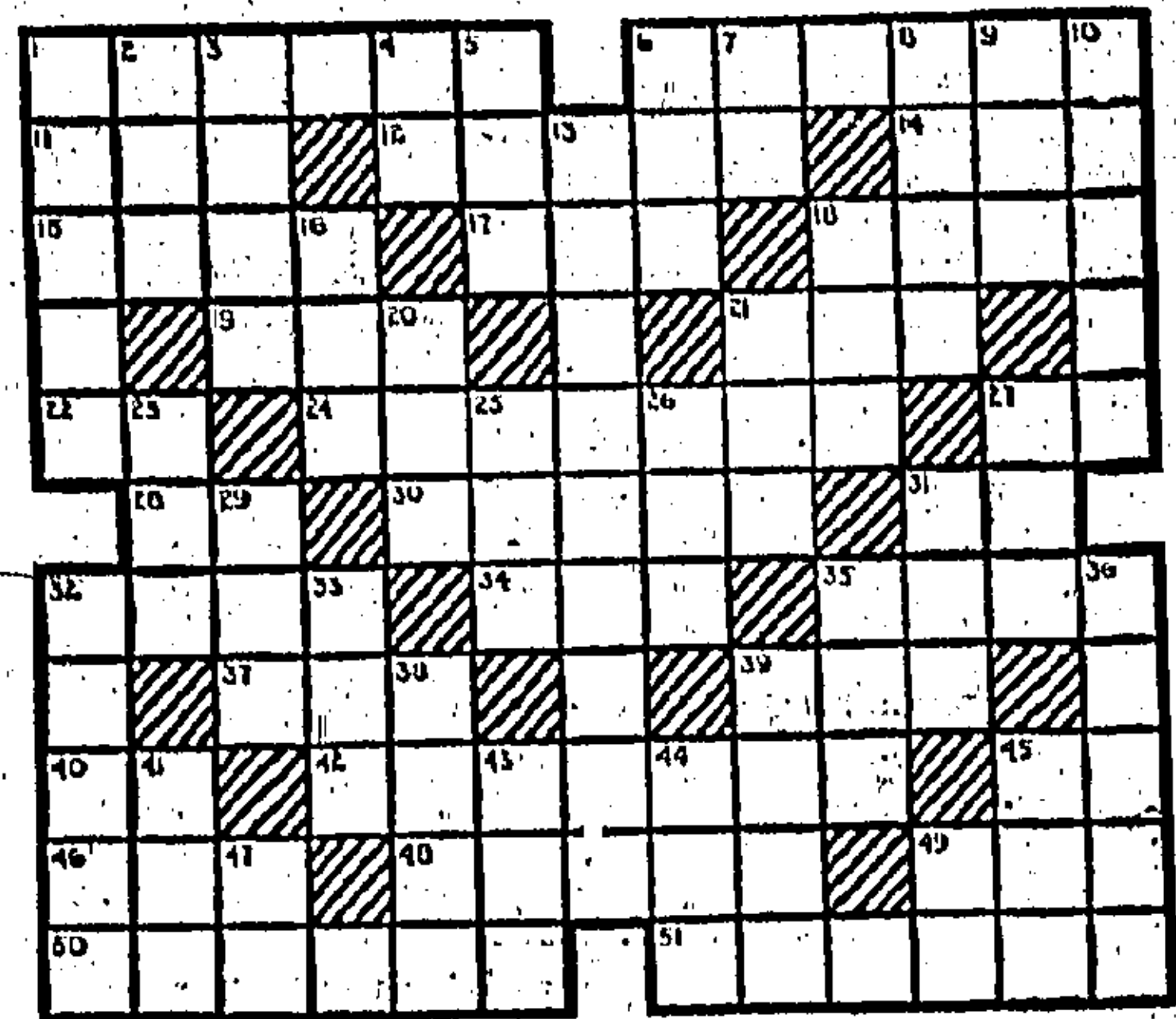
A pleasing appearance—how far it goes! So, we find apparel, simple in line, and as superior as we can find in texture, at a price once undreamed of, which may be worn at almost any period of any day. And other apparel, not so very different, at the moment, in general lines, or even in colour, which will serve for any entertainment, from an afternoon dress, to a restaurant-dress and the theatre.

We no longer name all our frocks for the various entertainments to which we take them. A so-called ball-dress is not what it was, a thing of chiffon or tulle, as perishable as snow in a hot room.

It is made of softly falling, or widely spreading, not-too-easily-crushed fabrics, and its lovely colours do not, of necessity, soil easily.

It has trains, or trails, or tails that can easily be caught up out of the way for dancing. We do not now dine or go to the opera in one sort of gown, and dash home to change before a ball. If there are any grand occasions, we take them quite as a matter of course, and seldom spur ourselves to extra effort. We just endeavour to be always well-dressed.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



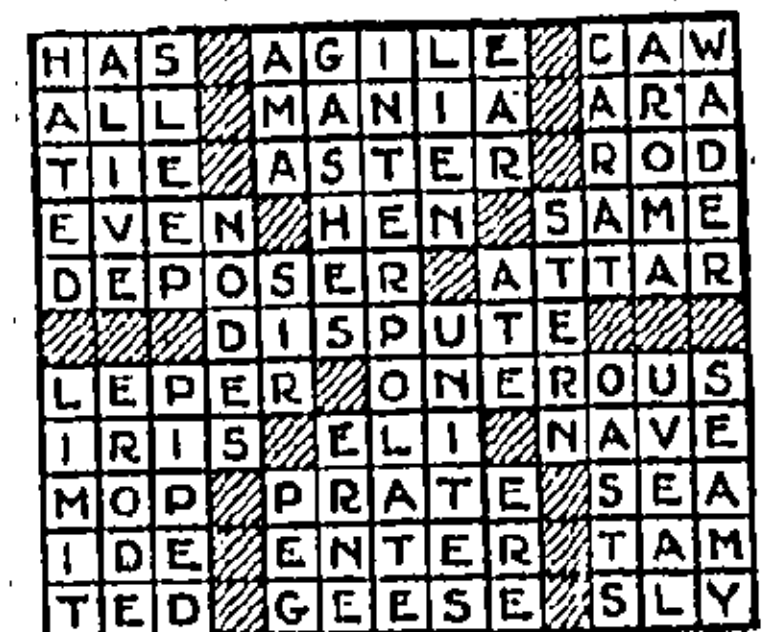
Horizontal

- 1 Gatun Lake forms the end of what famous canal?
- 6 Out of the fur of what animal are felt hats made?
- 11 Beer.
- 12 Bordered.
- 14 Silkworm.
- 15 A kind of coarse flie.
- 17 To immerse.
- 18 Small horse fly.
- 19 A kind of short eak.
- 21 Sun.
- 22 Therefore.
- 24 A stretch of ground.
- 27 Correlative of either.
- 28 Exist.
- 30 Apportioned as cards.
- 31 Point of compass.
- 32 Type of singing voice.
- 34 Sick.
- 35 Young horse.
- 37 Sweet potato.
- 39 Upright shaft.
- 40 Sun god.
- 42 Nitrous substance forming the basis for hair.
- 45 3,410.
- 46 English coin.
- 48 Wearies.
- 49 Colour.
- 50 Spiked.
- 51 What city is the capital of Greece?

Vertical

- 10 Large feline animal.
- 13 What "straights" join the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea?
- 16 To throw or cast.
- 18 To pursue.
- 20 Crib.
- 21 To perch.
- 23 Lubricant.
- 25 Portuguese money.
- 26 Every.
- 27 Bird of the night.
- 29 Eye tumour.
- 31 Habitual drunkard.
- 32 What city is the rubber centre of the United States?
- 33 What is the typical tree of the genus Quercus?
- 35 Tin container.
- 36 Attempts.
- 38 To allot.
- 39 Schedule.
- 41 Constellation.
- 43 To free.
- 44 Bevel.
- 46 Play on words.
- 47 Three-toed sloth.
- 49 Masculine pronoun.

Yesterday's Solution.



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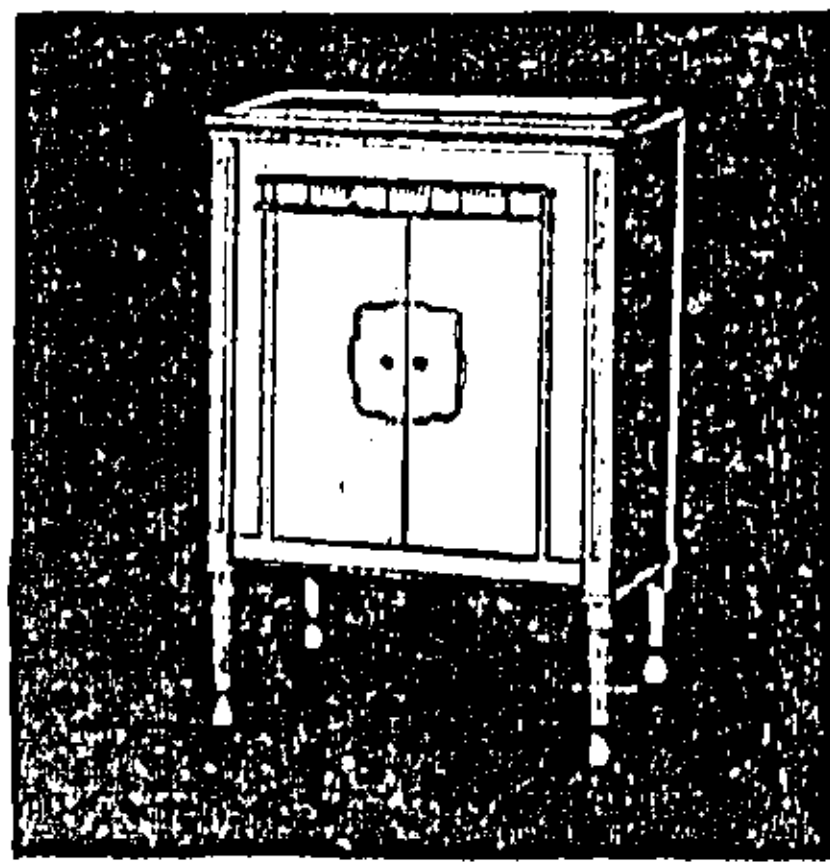
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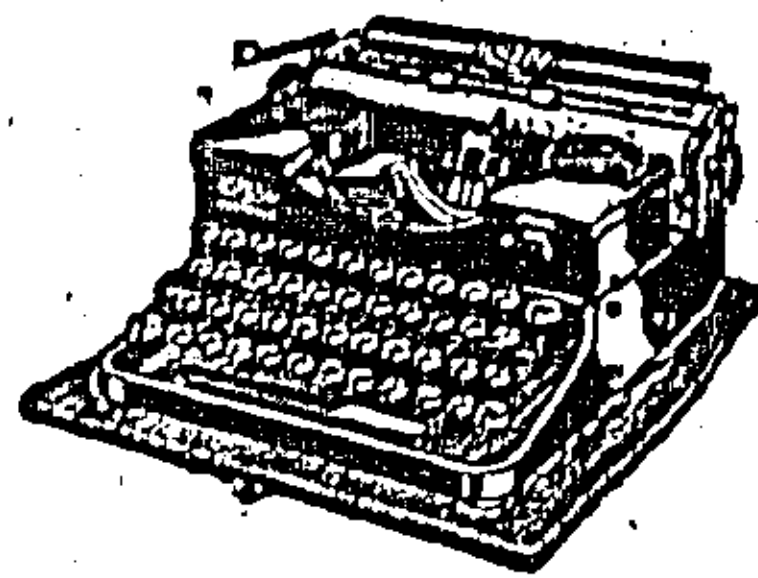
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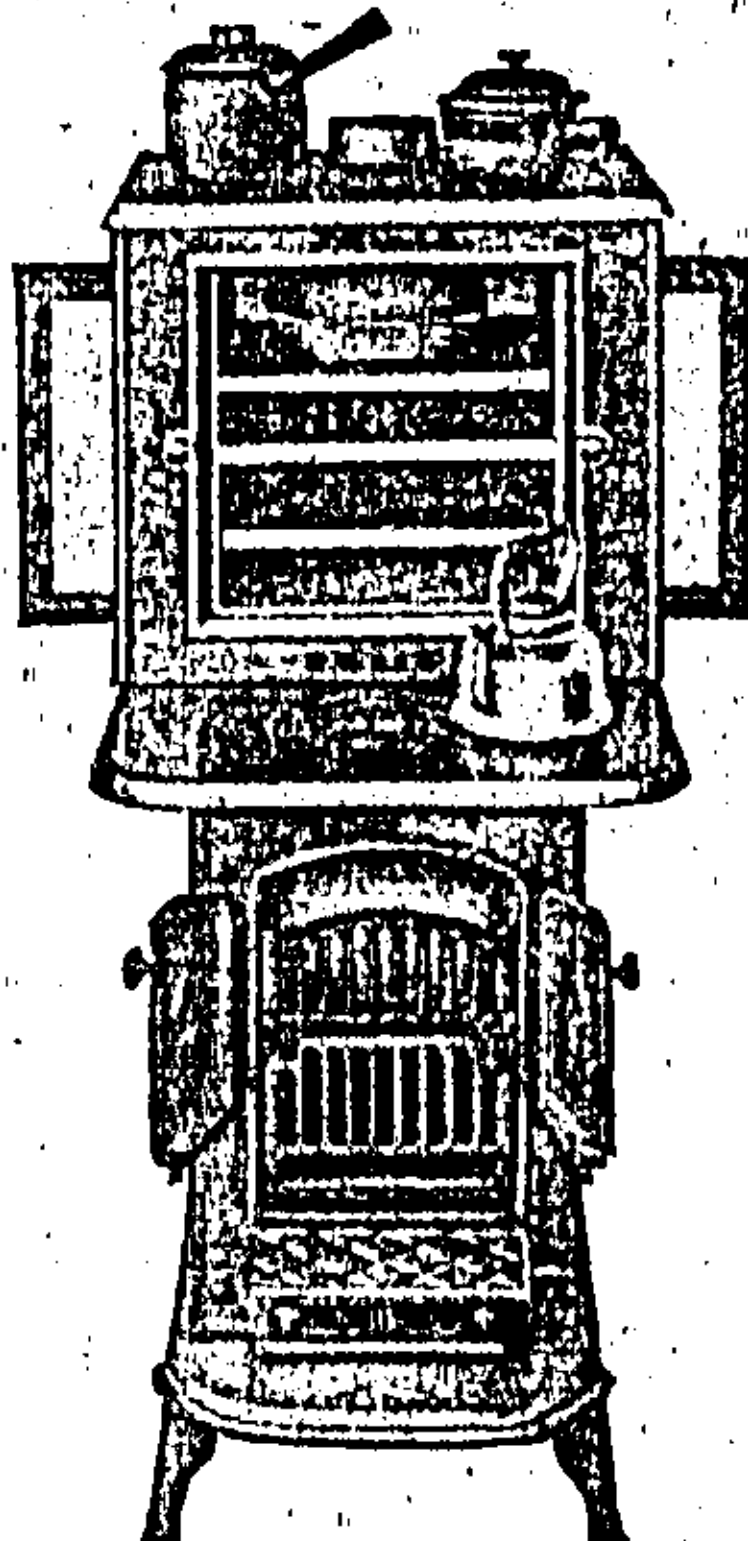
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REPARATIONS.

With the intended appointment, in the very near future, of a Committee of Experts, the German reparations question will shortly be assuming an aspect of much importance. The United States, has, happily, consented to representation on the Committee, and with its membership consisting of experts from many countries, we may expect the whole issue to be thoroughly studied with a view to reaching something like finality on this vital problem. If, as seems likely, the Dawes Plan is to be completely reorganised, the result will be the taking of a step more important than any since the signing of the Treaty of Versailles. In Britain, it is considered that the effects of whatever agreement is reached will react on the export business to an extent which will largely depend on the facilities opened up for German trade in the markets of the world.

It has been pointed out by a diplomatic correspondent that the Dawes Plan was never conceived as a final settlement of Germany's war indebtedness. It is a system by which Germany is enabled to transfer yearly large sums of money, or their equivalent, without upsetting the markets and exchanges of the world, or unduly hampering German reconstruction. The maximum annual payment was fixed at £125,000,000, to be reached progressively during the present year. But Germany's total indebtedness was not fixed, nor was any limit imposed upon the period during which the payments should be made. The figure of £125,000,000, which it was considered Germany could pay, although it by no means covers the Allied war expenditure, does nearly cover inter-Allied indebtedness for the next 65 years. On the whole, the Dawes Plan has been working satisfactorily, and it is worth bearing in mind that the suggestion for reorganisation, or reconstruction, comes from Germany, and not from the Allied nations. There appears no idea that by reconstruction the Allied creditors will receive any more, and it is somewhat doubtful whether they will even obtain greater security. It has to be admitted, however, that the control entailed under the scheme, the non-fixation of the total debt and the term of

years are irksome to Germany, and in some measure these factors hamper her industrial and financial activities. Under the new scheme advocated, the debt would be fixed and the control lifted. Reparations would be placed on a business footing. Bonds would be issued by the German Government which would be negotiable on the world's markets. Each country would receive paper to the amount of its share, in reparations, and each would then have to decide whether it holds these bonds and receives the interest yearly, or whether it sells them in the open market as occasion allows and so receive a lump sum.

It has been suggested that there is a danger in any such arrangement as this, for under this funding agreement the trusteeship, and, above all, the personal touch between the creditors and debtor would disappear. The bonds would eventually become distributed all over the world among private interests and international financial groups, and, in the event of a crisis, the bondholders would have to follow the strongest financial group. There is another aspect which is not without its importance to British industry, namely, that under any new scheme which is evolved, Germany would naturally expect to expand her exports in order to meet her indebtedness and give greater security to her creditors. That would obviously result in keener competition in the world markets. We mention these points to show that issues of the highest importance are bound up with this reparations problem, and it may be taken for granted that it will not be an easy task to evolve a scheme satisfactory to all parties concerned.

The Dogs' Ordinance.

Winding up a year that must be almost a record one for new ordinances, the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon passed six enactments through their final stages. A large proportion of the year's legislative work has been concerned with the amendment of existing ordinances, and we mention this fact since it seems to us that there has been at least one important omission. We refer to the Dogs' Ordinance. Designed in its present form to counter an outbreak of rabies in the Colony, and rigidly enforced over a period of years, requiring all dogs to be muzzled or on a lead in the public highways, all the evidence goes to show that its purpose has been satisfactorily completed. During the whole of 1928, not a single one of the suspected dogs taken to a dogs' home for observation has been proved to be rabid, the last case to which official attention was directed occurring in December, 1927. These facts, brought out as the result of enquiries by Mr. J. P. Braga at the Sanitary Board meeting, in themselves represent a very obvious case for those who plead that the time has come to afford some relief. If we may make use of the pearl of wisdom, which apparently in accordance with recent habit, dropped from the lips of the Head of the Sanitary Board, the fact that no dogs have been proved to be rabid since the last case, at least removes justification for the shooting of dogs. The recent incident in which a man's terrier puppy was shot on its owner's doorstep, thus adding insult to a grave injury, is only one of many in which the Police have been proved to lack sense of proportion in their interpretation of the powers granted under the Ordinance. As regards muzzling, the case against is now almost equally strong, and we suggest that the R.S.P.C.A. should exercise pressure in the right quarter with a view to securing an early remission of the sentence so long ago passed on the canine world.

Messrs. Siemens China Co., Importers of Electrical Machinery, and local representatives of Messrs. Siemens and Halske A.G., and Siemens-Schuckertwerke A.G., Berlin, Germany, have sent us a very attractive and useful pocket diary bound in red Morocco and conveniently fitted with memoranda booklet, etc. It is one of the best things of its kind we have seen.

DAY-BY-DAY.

DRUNKENNESS IS NOTHING ELSE THAN A VOLUNTARY MADNESS.—Seneca.

The transport Neurula will leave Shanghai on Monday for Hongkong.

The P. and O. s.s. Alipore, from Singapore, is due here at 7 a.m. on January 4th.

Mrs. Jean Ho Tung was fined \$5 at the Magistrate's court for driving in a negligent manner in Stubbs Road.

This morning's Harbour Office Reports gave 16 arrivals and 15 departures, British four and eight, leaving 57 vessels in port, British 25.

The Siberian mail from London dated December 3—December 6 arriving yesterday by s.s. Nagato Maru, consisted of 288 bags and was distributed during the afternoon.

H.M.S. Kent, the flagship, left Sandakan on Thursday for Macassar. H.M.S. Concord, bringing relief for the China Station, left Colombo for Singapore on Boxing Day.

The death took place yesterday, at the Isolation Hospital, Shanghai, of Stoker Petty Officer Thomas Reed, late of H.M.S. Gnat. It is understood that P. O. Reed was a native of Brighton and was unmarried.

The Secretary of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce informs us that a cable was received this morning from the Shanghai British Chamber of Commerce stating that the new Nationalist Customs Tariff for China will come into effect on February 1st, 1929.

The Canton Naval Headquarters have despatched a staff to Hongkong in connexion with the completion of the construction of the gunboat "Chap Shun" which is now under construction at the works of Messrs. W. S. Bailey and Co. This boat will be launched, it is learned, in January.

The latest issue of the Hongkong University Journal of Law and Commerce is a most interesting number. In addition to editorial notes, there are articles on social, political and economic problems in British Malaya, by Professor Hinton; on Chinese family and property law in the Netherlands Indies, by Dr. G. Von Faber; on an auditor's duties regarding wages, by Mr. V. F. Vicanjee; a critical survey of the penal code of the Tang Dynasty, by Mr. Lam Tung; the history of sericulture, by Miss Lam Siu-chan; the Government and laws of China, by Mr. M. A. Khan; and the Soviet civil code and sciences of sociological jurisprudence, by Professor G. W. Keeton.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Dec. 27.
Paris	123.95
New York	4.85 11/16
Brussels	34.87
Geneva	25.16
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	92.72
Berlin	20.37 1/2
Stockholm	18.09 1/2
Copenhagen	18.17 1/2
Oslo	34.45 1/2
Prague	103 1/2
Helsingfors	193
Madrid	29.77
Lisbon	109 1/2
Athens	375
Bucharest	807 1/2
Rio	6.29/32
Buenos Aires	47.21/32
Bombay	163 1/16
Shanghai	2 7/16
Hongkong	1 10/32/32
Yokohama	28 7/16
Silver (spot)	28 7/16
Silver (forward)	28 1/2

—British Wireless.

FISHING JUNK PIRACY.

SESSIONS CASE NOW ADJOURNED.

The Criminal Sessions were resumed before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) at the Supreme Court this morning, when Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., mentioned the case in which Ho Fu is charged with the piracy of a fishing junk. Mr. Alabaster, who is defending, stated that a special plea had been entered, that the accused had already been tried and discharged on that charge in China and could not or should not be tried again.

Council continued it would be necessary for the defence to get information from the records of the police of the trial in China. Application had been made to the Magistrate at Shekai, and a reply had been received referring them to a higher authority at Hongkong. He asked for the case to be put over until the next Sessions. His Lordship granted the application.

CHINESE JURYMAN EXCUSED.

ONLY UNDERSTOOD LITTLE ENGLISH.

Mr. Im Pak-hai, of the firm of C. E. Huygon, Pedder Building, who was called to serve on the jury at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before the Chief Justice, was excused from service by his Lordship.

The juryman was taking the oath when Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., defending counsel, pointed out that Mr. Im seemed to have some difficulty in reading the oath. His Lordship then asked the juryman if he understood much English, and received a reply to

THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

Big Variety of Pictures To-morrow.

To-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement will be found of an intensely interesting and varied character.

Of recent weddings there will be numerous pictures, these including the marriages of Mr. P. Gillespie and Miss C. M. Gill, of Mr. J. W. Bennett and Miss F. M. Skipsey, of Mr. J. Muir and Miss C. T. Smith, and of Mr. Ko Yeung-hung and Miss Choi Ping-yi.

Sport will be well represented by photographs taken at the Fanling Hunt steeplechases and the football match between England and China, whilst there will be a group of the Lam Long football team and photographs of Mrs. R. E. Tottenham and Miss Enid Lo, the finalists in the ladies' tennis championship.

There will be three photographs taken at the launching, at Bailey's yard, of the new gunboat Kien Yu, built for the Canton Government, as well as a new studio portrait of General Chan Ming-shu, the new Civil Governor of Canton.

Other pictures will include some photographs of the recent fire at Kongmoon, the dinner party on the N.D.L. Fulda, the prize picture of the Hongkong University Amateur Photographic Society's exhibition, and a scene from the Court of King Arthur at Camelot, given by pupils of the Victoria British School.

the effect that he only understood a little.

After remarking that it was a serious case and it would perhaps be better to have someone with a better knowledge of English, his Lordship said he would exempt Mr. Im from service.

This juryman was also called for jury service at the Sessions on the morning of December 18 when he failed to appear and was fined \$50. He attended the Court in the afternoon, however, and pleaded sickness, with the result that the fine was reduced to one of \$10.

Mr. R. K. Butler, another juryman, was also excused when he informed the Court that he was leaving the Colony shortly.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended December 20th, 1907.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 9 1/2 d.

It was reported at a Sanitary Board meeting that the provision of a vegetable market for Yau-mat would be proceeded with at once.

Mr. H. L. Denny, jr., was successful at the final examination for solicitors, and left London to join his father's firm in Hongkong.

The name of Dr. G. D. R. Black was added to the list of medical practitioners.

Pollard's Lilliputians appeared at the Theatre Royal, their repertoire including "The Belle of New York" and "La Poupée."

FINE WEATHER.

To-day's Observatory report states that a new anticyclone has formed over the Yangtze Valley. A depression is shown to the south-east of the Looshoes. Fresh monsoon will continue along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds, fresh; fine.

The Very Idea!

A strange society has just been formed in Budapest. The wives of gamblers have banded themselves into an anonymous union, with the object of preventing the tragedies resulting from losses at cards. The members of the union propose to visit members of parliament and enlighten them on the tragic family conditions brought about by the gambling clubs, and eventually to make an appeal to the Minister of the Interior.

The organisers of this union is the destitute widow of a gambler, who drowned himself in the Danube after committing forgery to pay his gambling debts.

During her husband's lifetime she formed the habit of waiting for him in the vestibule of the card club in the small hours of the morning, and there became intimate with numbers of women who waited, trembling, at the thought of the losses which their husbands would disclose to them when they came from the card rooms.

The piano tuner found the instrument in good condition and not in the least in need of attention. A few days later his employer received a letter from the owner of the piano stating that she did not think it had been properly tuned.

After being reprimanded by his employer the tuner made another trip, and again tested every note of the instrument, only to find no fault. This time he told the owner so.

"Yes," she said, "it certainly seems all right now, but as soon as I begin to sing it gets all out of tune."

"Can any boy in the class tell me what harness is?" asked the teacher.

Not a single boy knew. "Well," continued the teacher, "is there any boy in the class whose father works among horses?"

"Please, teacher, mine does," said one pupil.

"Well, what is it your father puts on horses every day?"

"Please, teacher, every half-penny he's got."

There's Dad!—he seems never done jawin' at me.

Fur not stickin' at the school, An' sez, that ter clime to the top of the tree.

I'll need ter chuck playin' the fule; He sez there was boys at the school in his day.

Who've since won both fortune an' fame; Maybe—but to Dad I wud just like to say—

"Well, why didn't you do the same?"

But it wouldn't be wise, As I've reason to fear He might spring a surprise An' give me a thick ear!

It's all right for Dad—he has got a soft job.

Each evenin' at five he is free, While I carry on, drivin' inter my nob.

The stuff that's to help clime the tree; Yet he tiddles off every night on his own.

To billiards, to pictures, or pub, An' I turn to my books with a sigh or a moan.

His poor, ill-used ignorant cub. Oh! I hate all this grind, For it drives me half mad; I wud I wish I could find A soft job like my Dad!

Nottingham Solicitor—One of the surest ways to make an enemy is to lend him money.

Policeman at Lewes Police Court—He said, "You will get a putty medal for this."

A wife, complaining at Tottenham of her husband, said that while she worked he drank tea.

Woman at Willesden—I did not put a collar on my dog because the poor little thing had a stiff neck.

Witness at Lambeth—My wife calls me the gov-nor. Solicitor—You must not assume that the husband is always the gov-nor.

To-day's Dog Story—Fifty years ago, a reader writes, I was on my honeymoon, and walking with my wife round the Capstan Rock, Hfrcombe, I had a walking stick in my hand, when a large retriever dog came up, barking furiously.

At first I was a little disturbed at his apparent fierceness, and when it became evident that he wanted me to throw my walking stick over the wall on to the rocks below, I hesitated, as I had no wish to risk the loss of the stick. But at last, as there was no other way of getting rid of the dog, I threw the stick over the wall. The dog bounded over, and returned with the stick in his mouth.

In vain I tried to obtain the stick from him. He turned round and kept some distance in front of me going towards the town. I had to follow, and at last he ran into a baker's shop. The baker informed me that the dog would not give up the stick until I had bought him a bun. This I did, when he dropped the stick and allowed me to pick it up.

After consuming the bun the dog ran off. The baker informed me that the dog, who was not his, was continually carrying out the trick. It seemed his daily task.

WILD SCENES AT SHANGHAI.

FOOTBALL STADIUM RUSHED.

HUGE CROWD FORCES GATES TO SEE MATCH.

RIOT SQUAD CALLED.

Shanghai, Dec. 24. Scenes reminiscent of the epic Cup final at Wembley some years ago were witnessed at the Stadium yesterday afternoon when an enormous crowd of Chinese who had wended their way to the venue of the First League football match between the Shanghai Recreation Club and Loh Ilwa, defied all attempts at control and sought admittance to the ground in a panic-stricken manner.

Various estimates have been made as to the size of the crowd that actually saw the match—ranging from 17,000 to 25,000. With the peculiar configuration of the Stadium stands, it was almost impossible accurately to estimate the number.

Riot Squad Arrives.

The gates were opened for the sale of tickets before 1 p.m., and, by 1.30, there were many thousands in all sections of the ground, though at this time none had encroached beyond the normal accommodation.

By 2.30, there was a heavy stream at both gates, and, long before three o'clock, the advertised time of commencement, Captain Quinell, in charge of the arrangements for the Stadium authorities, wisely took the precaution of telephoning for the police riot squad which arrived shortly afterwards under Supt. W. E. Fairbairn. The gates were closed to all comers, a huge crowd gradually collected outside.

The Gates Rushed.

Before 3 o'clock the bamboo gate leading to the members' parking enclosure was rushed by a section of the crowd, about 1,500 getting in before they could be stopped, and in the rush many people were knocked down and trampled on, though apparently none suffered serious injury.

The police managed to close the gate again but the crowd outside, though perfectly orderly, was getting restive. It was then discovered that members of both teams had failed to secure admission to the ground, some of them being in the rear of the dense mass of people that was pressing round the gates. It eventually was decided that probably the best thing to do was to open the gates and let everybody in; though, before this was done, the police informed the crowd that it was absolutely necessary that there should be no rushing and that everybody should come in slowly.

The scene immediately following the opening of the gates almost beggars description. There was a mad rush, and within a few seconds many people had fallen in the entrance, to be trampled on by those behind, who were propelled in an irresistible mass by the now converging crowd.

Old Lady Injured.

Those that fell were mostly women and children, some of them having marvellous escapes from serious injury, or worse.

The police, assisted by a few men from the Scots Guards and the Northamptonshire Regiment, who happened to be at hand, did great work, assisting those that had fallen and generally doing everything humanly possible to minimize the number of casualties. One Chinese lady was dragged by the heels from under a struggling mass and was found to have her scalp literally peeled off one side of her head, while another unfortunate woman also apparently suffered serious injury.

There were numerous cases of minor injuries. Many were suffering from torn clothes and scratches and bruised faces, one man had two fingers broken, and others suffered from all manner of slight injury.

Many Rescued.

The remarkable thing about the whole affair, which took less than three minutes once the gates had been opened, (they were afterwards closed again) was the comparatively small number of people hurt. A small Chinese child, about six years old, fell from the arms of her father as he was propelled inside the gate, and was caught by a foreigner just as she was about to be buried under a struggling mass which would have meant her certain death.

Others, foreigners and Chinese, civilians, police and soldiers, rescued children from equally dangerous situations, in a few instances when it seemed nothing

BRANCH POLITICAL COUNCILS.

TO CONTINUE AT LEAST UNTIL MARCH.

NANKING DECISION.

Nanking, Dec. 27. The Central Kuomintang met to-day and decided to permit the continuation of the Branch Political Councils to the middle of March, the date when the Third Kuomintang National Congress will be opened.

Another important decision was made at the meeting, appointing Messrs. Tsai Yuan-pel, Wu Tse-hui, Chang Ching-kuang, Wu Han-min, Li Shih-tseng, Tai Chi-tao and Dr. Wang Chung-hui to represent the Central Kuomintang at the coming Military Reconstruction and Disbandment Conference. General Li Chung-yen, who is on his way by gunboat to attend the Military Conference, did not arrive here yesterday as was expected. It is understood that he is in Ankang.

General Chu Pei-teh arrived in Nanking yesterday. In the afternoon he interviewed General Ho Ying-ching and Marshal Chiang Kai-shek submitting a report on his anti-"Red" campaign in Kiangsi and on civil administration and disbandment questions.

Canton, Dec. 27. At a meeting of the Central Political Council yesterday, it was decided to accept the resignation of Marshal Li Chai-sum from the Chairmanship of the Kwangtung Provincial Council, and also the resignation of the Canton Commissioner of Civil Affairs, Mr. Liu Tsai-fu. The meeting appointed Messrs. Li Wen-fan and General Chan Chai-long as members of the Canton Provincial Council, the former to act concurrently as Commissioner of Civil Affairs.

NAIL IN BRAIN, YET ALIVE.

DOCTOR'S REPORT ON STRANGE CASE.

The unusual case of a woman who lived after hammering nails into her head—one of which penetrated her brain—is reported in the "British Medical Journal."

Mr. Joseph J. Levin, honorary surgeon at the Johannesburg General Hospital, gave the details. A married European woman, aged 27, was admitted to the hospital with the head of a nail visible in the right temporal region of the scalp.

She was conscious, though dazed, and said that she had driven the nail in herself with the back of a chopper. The nail was removed with a pair of dental forceps and was found to be three inches in length.

The wound was cleaned with ether, painted with iodine, sealed with a collodion dressing and healing.

A few months later the woman was again admitted to the hospital. To the doctor's astonishment, on examination he found the head of a nail half an inch to the left of the middle line of the scalp.

An X-ray photograph showed a long nail right through the brain. The woman was conscious, and there were no signs of paralysis. She recognised the doctor and addressed him by name, stated that she had driven this nail into her head with the back of a chopper, and asked him to remove the nail, as it was painful.

The surgeon, under anaesthesia, removed the nail and a button of the skull round it. The nail proved to be four inches long, and, physically, the woman recovered.

could save them from serious injury.

Totally Unexpected.

The simple explanation of the whole affair is that the authorities at the ground were unable to cope with a situation which was totally unexpected. It was probably the biggest single crowd that has ever gathered at a sporting affair in Shanghai, and emphasizes the necessity of complete preparations and carefully co-ordinated arrangements for any future occasion where it is possible that there will be an abnormal crowd.

No mention of this matter would be complete without reference to the admirable work done by the Police under Supt. Fairbairn. They made a combined use of tact and physical strength which could not have been bettered, and it is largely due to their efforts that the casualty list—two women taken to hospital and anything from 20 to 40 cases of minor injury—was not much bigger. The police, on the other hand, afterwards paid a tribute to the few men of the Guards and Northamptonshire to whom reference has already been made.—N. C. D. News.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

"Tom Jones"—The Next Production—The Society's President.

[BY "ALLEGRO".]

"Tom Jones" ended up with three packed houses, which had been preceded by two moderately-filled ones and two half-filled. The experience encountered in the case of "Morris England," of people leaving the booking until too late and being unable to procure seats, was repeated. The danger of this was emphasised in these jottings a fortnight ago, and by all who had the financial interests of the Philharmonic Society at heart, for if all those who wait until they have heard the opinions of their friends and then find they are too late were present at the mid-week performances, it would make quite a difference to the total receipts.

The Society took a risk in venturing on the production before Christmas of such an ambitious show, considering the short time available for rehearsal (the principals had their first rehearsal towards the end of October), and

About Hong Kong

Do you know that—

New colours were presented to the 95th Regiment in 1848? The ceremony took place on February 17th, when General D'Aguilar gave up the Command of the Garrison to Major General Staveley.

On the occasion, General D'Aguilar was presented with an address from leading merchants of the Colony.

It says a great deal for the amount of hard work and enthusiasm put into the preparations that "Tom Jones" can be counted amongst the Society's biggest successes. The chief criticism levelled against the opera was that it was unduly long, the performances taking from 3¼ to 3½ hours; the appreciation of the public can best be gauged from the fact that scarcely anyone left his seat until the very end. To maintain the audience's interest, in spite of the extreme length, reflects the greatest credit on all concerned, and it will be recalled that it was the opinion of several people of experience that it was madness to attempt the production in the short time available. More than double that time would ordinarily be required to put on a similar show amongst the amateur societies at home.

At the same time, it would be a pity if the elation felt by the Society's members, caused them to go forward with their original project of producing "Patience" in March, without very serious reconsideration of the matter. In the first place, "Patience," although its music is very pretty, is not an opera which "goes down" nowadays in England, and it is far less likely to do so in Hongkong. When the President of the Society announced in a speech last Saturday that they were definitely going to put on "Patience" in March or

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INQUEST ON NAVAL OFFICER.

CORONER FINDS DEATH DUE TO DROWNING.

NO FOUL PLAY.

Shanghai, Dec. 25. The body of Surgeon-Lieut. Henry Johnson Scott of H.M.S. Cricket who disappeared in the early hours of December 14 was recovered on Saturday from the Whangpoo, near the Nanking Road Jetty. Lieut. Scott was last seen in the Palais Cafe, and it was feared that he had fallen into the river when trying to make his way back to his ship, which was moored by the Old Dock.

The mystery of his disappearance is now partially cleared away, owing to information given by Chinese which the Police learned through a foreign lady. It is understood that the Chinese state that they saw a foreigner get out of a ricksha at the Nanking Road Jetty and walk on to the jetty. According to these reports, the deceased then walked over the jetty into the water.

Acting on this information police caused the part of the river near the jetty to be dragged and ten minutes after commencement of operations the body was recovered in a very good state of preservation, considering the length of its immersion. The body was only a few yards from the seaward edge of the jetty.

An inquest was opened yesterday morning in the Public Mortuary by the Registrar, Mr. A. J. Martin, sitting as coroner. Evidence of identification was given by Lieut. Cmdr. Hamilton, commanding H.M.S. Cricket.

Dr. A. D. Wall testified that he examined the body of deceased on Sunday morning. Externally, he said, there were no marks of violence, save a few abrasions about the face and head, which he considered had been made after death as there was no haemorrhage under the skin as would occur were they made during life. Death was due to drowning without a doubt. The abrasions appeared to be scratches made by the body being dragged on the bottom. The nose was flattened, but the bone was not broken; this would be explained by the body lying face downwards for a long time. There was no indication whatever of foul play.

After an adjournment, the coroner found as follows:—That Henry Johnson Scott died on December 14, the cause of death being accidental drowning in the Whangpoo River.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Hung-jao Cemetery, with a large attendance of naval units. The pipe band of the Scots Guards played the coffin to the graveside, where a naval escort fired the three volleys and the bugles sounded the last post. It was a very impressive ceremonial, officers representing the British army being present.

After a long period of short time the Wolverton L.M.S. railway carriage works resumed full time at the beginning of the month.

Two thousand Australian sheep have been shipped to Russia as a first step towards the scientific breeding of Merinos there.

YAUMATI SCHOOL PRIZE-DAY.

MRS. G. P. DE MARTIN GIVES AWAY AWARDS.

SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual distribution of prizes of the Yaumati School took place this morning, Mrs. G. P. de Martin performing the ceremony. Mr. E. Ralphs, Inspector of Schools, was also present.

Mr. C. Mycock, headmaster, in presenting the report said that the School was open 378 times during the year. The maximum enrolment was 272; the average daily attendance 253.8. The average daily attendance last year was 240.6 an increase of 7.2. The attendance last year was excellent—97.8 per cent. This improvement over last year was due to the general immunity from smallpox, the only serious epidemic prevalent during the year.

The staff at the end of this year consisted of the Headmaster, two European mistresses, seven Anglo-Chinese masters and three Vernacular masters. The fees were increased from January 1 to \$5 per month, and made payable for every month in the year.

The P.W.D. made sundry repairs in May. Following the report of the Medical Officer of Schools, alterations were made to the lavatories. The roof was slightly raised and apertures for light and air enlarged. The present system was condemned and an early substitution of the flush system was strongly recommended.

Good Discipline.

Discipline generally was very well maintained. The general standard of conduct had been high. The work of the school had been strictly confined to the syllabus with the exception of hygiene, which was re-introduced in 1928.

In March and October the Medical Officer of Schools examined 105 entrants; 89 boys had 145 defects, mostly of a minor nature; 17 boys were unfit for drill or strenuous games; 21 had been supplied with Government spectacles; 69 others required treatment and the guardians concerned were informed by letter and held responsible that such treatment was given. Three boys had operations. Of 20 boys re-examined in 1928, two boys were worse than in 1927, nine showed improvement and nine no change. The St. John Ambulance Brigade kindly re-vaccinated three members if the staff and 176 boys on December 4. Every boy in the school had been vaccinated at least three times. Dr. Li Ying-yau had again most kindly given his services for the attention of all minor ailments.

The Examinations.

243 boys took the annual examination this month. In English subjects 202, or 81%, passed; in Chinese, 233, or 95%. The half-yearly examination revealed a weakness in the upper classes in arithmetic, which now showed some improvement. Geography in Class 4 was a disappointment. Colloquial throughout the school was only fair. The other subjects were fairly satisfactory. Taking into consideration the many difficulties of the past year, the results were satisfactory. The generosity of Mr. Wu Hay-

long and the late Sir Ellis Kadoorie had supplied additional scholarships and prizes bearing their names, available this year for the first time. The latest Matriculation results showed how these scholarships were appreciated. Three free scholars of 1926, now at Queen's College matriculated. Each had a distinction and two gained honours. Another old boy had this year passed his final B.A. at the Hongkong University.

Staff Thanked.

In conclusion, Mr. Mycock thanked Mrs. de Martin for her kindness in again honouring them by her presence, and Mr. Ralph for his attendance, and expressed regret that duty had caused Mr. de Martin to break his record of attendances after the interest he had shown in the school for so many years. Mr. Mycock added: "My first report for this school would be incomplete without some reference to the loyalty and willing co-operation of the staff. It has been a difficult year, and the results, disappointing as, in some classes, they are, without that co-operation would not have been so good. I sincerely thank them for the assistance they have given me this year."

Before Mrs. de Martin presented the prizes, Mr. Ralphs made reference to the successes gained by students of the Yaumati School, elaborating what the Headmaster had stated in his report.

Mrs. de Martin was presented with a bouquet by one of the pupils of the school and announced that she had requested Mr. Mycock to grant the scholars a half-holiday.

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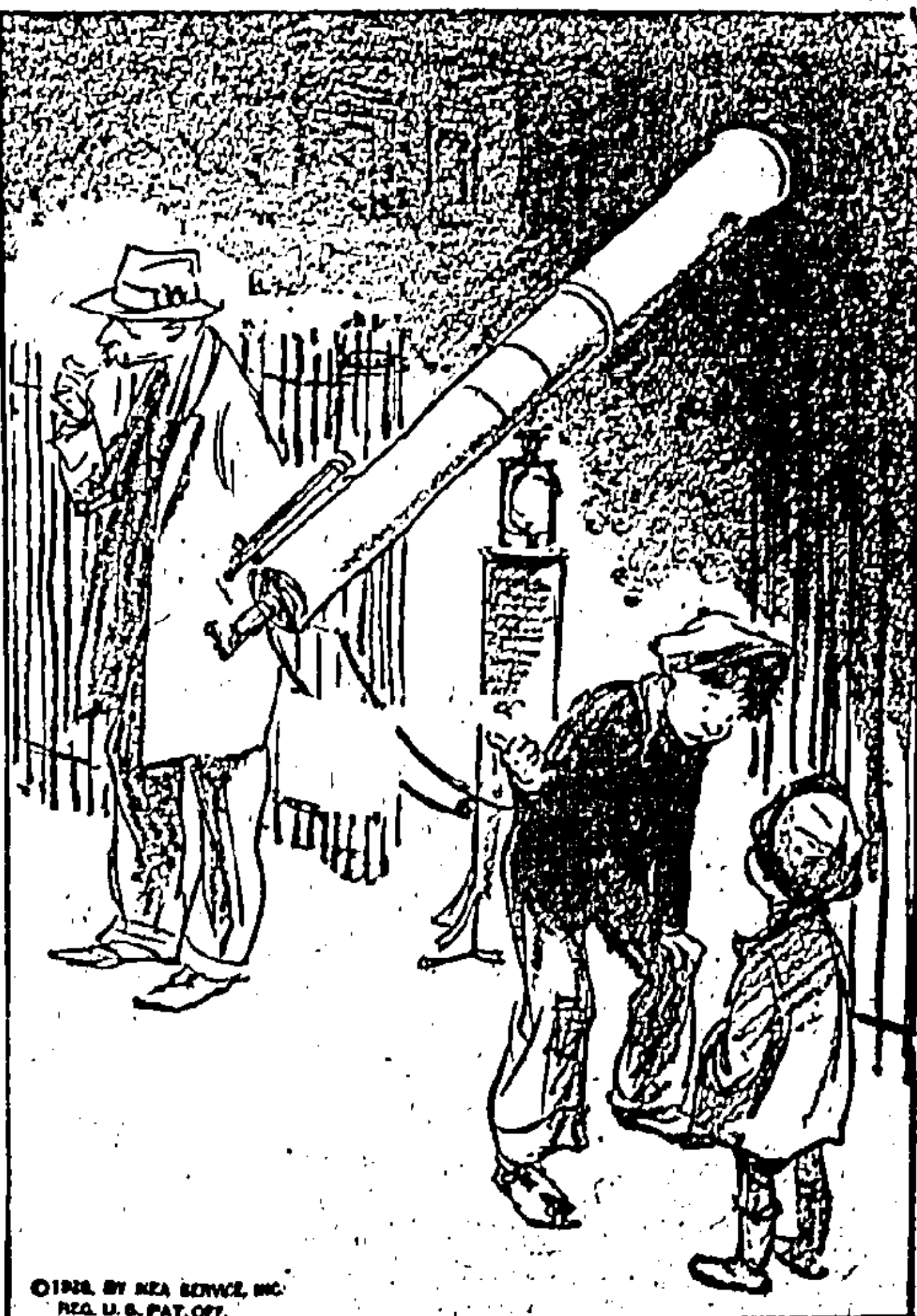
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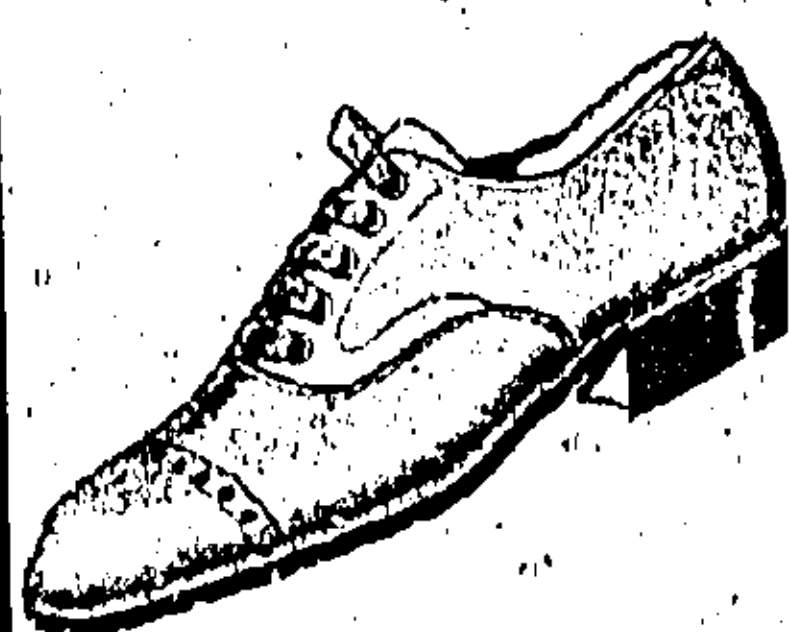
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LEAGUE FOOTBALL TO-MORROW.

CHINESE TEAMS MEET ARMY RIVALS.

GOLDMAN & GOSANO.

[By "Wanderer."]

Three matches of much interest are down for decision in the Senior Division of the Hongkong Football League to-morrow, four of the strongest teams in the running for the Championship providing two of the games.

The Club visit the Recreio and a good test of centre-forward merit is likely.

The fixture list is as follows:

Senior Division.

Chinese Ath. v. K.O.S.B.—Club, 4 p.m.
Queen's v. South China.—Sookumpoo, 4 p.m.
Recreio v. H.K.F.C.—Recreio, 4 p.m.

Junior Division.

S. China "A" v. K.O.S.B.—S. China, 2.30 p.m.
Eastern v. Navy.—St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.
R.A. v. St. Joseph's.—Sookumpoo, 2.30 p.m.
Recreio v. S. China "B"—Recreio, 2.30 p.m.
Chinese Ath. v. Small Units.—Club, 2.30 p.m.
Queen's v. Kowloon.—Chatham Road, 2.30 p.m.

First-Class Matches.

There is a wide division of interest in the Senior League matches to-morrow, the two games in Hongkong being among the most important of the season. South China and the Queen's Royal Regiment, who at present occupy the first two places in the table, meet at Sookumpoo, and a really first-class struggle is almost inevitable.

Both teams have been once defeated, the Queen's by the Police and South China by the K.O.S.B. It will be the first appearance of the Queen's in the field since their defeat on December 1st, while South China have avoided defeat since November 3rd. Barclay is fit again, but there seems to be some doubt about Caldwell, the lively left-winger.

South China, I understand, will field the eleven which drew with the Athletic. If the side begins in the style with which it closed last week's match, South China may establish themselves at the head of the table.

K.O.S.B. Slip.

Chinese Athletic are also engaged with a strong military team, the K.O.S.B. The Borderers slipped badly last week, but it would be surprising if such bad luck in front of goal persisted. There was a weakness at back, which if not rectified, Chinese Athletic will certainly find, while the forwards will do well to play a more open game. A keen struggle is certain and goal-scoring is not likely to be high.

Recreio's Chances.

The only other Senior match is at Kowloon on the Recreio ground, the Club de Recreio entertaining the H.K.F.C. Gosano is fit again apparently and his presence in the team will be of additional interest since on present form he vies with Goldman, the Club centre-forward, for the Interport position. Goldman has been a prolific goal-scorer since his arrival in the Colony. The chances run in favour of the Recreio as the Club do not find themselves at home on a small ground.

In the Junior Division, K.O.S.B., Navy, R.A., South China "B" Chinese Athletic and the Queen's are favoured for victories.

The Club team is as follows: Edwards; Holt, Bishop; McBride, Stewart, Watson; Reid, Alexander, Goldman, Scott and Trambitsky. The following will represent Kowloon Res.—Angus; Nicholls; Hunt; Moore; Robson, Blacklock; Hannan, Davies, Moss, King, Dunnett.

Mr. Frederick G. Evans, secretary of the L.M.S. Railway Company, has been appointed vice-president to succeed Mr. S. H. Hunt.

FANLING GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

The starting times for Sunday's golf at Fanling are as follows:

9.24 a.m.—J. S. Dykes and D. M. Goodall.
9.28 a.m.—H. Spicer and H. U. Ireland.
9.32 a.m.—J. S. MacLaren and C. Davidson.
9.36 a.m.—A. E. Lisgaman and S. T. Butler.
9.40 a.m.—C. W. Jeffries and L. J. Blackburn.
9.44 a.m.—N. K. Littlejohn and W. J. S. Key.
9.48 a.m.—I. H. Geare and L. R. Andrewes.
9.52 a.m.—A. H. Ferguson and A. Ritchie.
9.56 a.m.—P. J. Wodehouse and J. W. Franks.
10.00 a.m.—H. A. Lammert and F. J. de Rome.
10.04 a.m.—E. R. Hallifax and E. I. M. Barrett.
10.08 a.m.—E. P. Fletcher and A. R. Cox.
10.12 a.m.—A. Morley and C. J. Waddell.
10.16 a.m.—D. H. Lewis and G. E. Towns.
10.20 a.m.—L. Garner and G. E. Mitchell.
10.24 a.m.—A. Leach and A. B. Purves.
10.28 a.m.—D. G. Macdonald and Major Beamish.
10.32 a.m.—J. Harrop and W. A. Stewart.
10.36 a.m.—G. R. Horridge and T. Low.
10.40 a.m.—W. Beveridge and J. Hall.
10.44 a.m.—A. Ritchie and C. Mycock.
10.48 a.m.—A. Sommerfelt and Capt. Sanders.

YACHT RACE RESULT.

LA CIGALE WINS THE BIG EVENT.

All the ten boats taking part in the yacht race to Macao and back have now returned, and the result is a win for La Cigale.

La Cigale was the first to reach the finishing post and was followed by U. and I., which finished over an hour later. Norseman was third, home but codes third place to Lady Jean on corrected time, the latter yacht being the sixth to cross the line. The results on corrected elapsed time are as follow:

	Corrected Elapsed time.
1st La Cigale	20.26.35
2nd U. and I.	20.33.01
3rd Lady Jean	20.43.03
4th Typhoon	21.34.08
Queen Bee	21.42.01
Norseman	22.10.21
Azama	22.08.33
Curlew	23.13.06
Feathera	23.53.48
Wanderer	29.02.49

LEAGUE CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. SECOND TEAM AGAINST CLUB DE RECREIO.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club 2nd XI in their League match against the Club de Recreio on the H.K.C.C. ground, at 2 p.m. to-morrow.

A. H. Gillingham (Capt.), W. B. Cor, G. E. R. Divett, G. P. Lammer, Reid, W. V. L. Stanion, J. A. Summers, W. K. Tait, G. R. Valack, R. H. D. Wade, E. R. West.

I.R.C. v. Craigengower.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club against the Craigengower C.C. in a League match to-morrow, at 2 p.m. sharp, at Sookumpoo: A. H. Rumball (Capt.), A. C. Arnold, S. A. Ismail, A. H. Madar, J. S. A. Curran, A. R. Minu, S. H. Ismail, O. Ismail, J. S. Ackler, A. S. Safford and A. K. Minu.

HOLIDAY CRICKET.

HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO. MATCH.

On the I.R.C. ground at Sookumpoo on Wednesday, the local staff of the Hongkong Electric Co. defeated the foreign staff by 84 runs.

Taking first knock, the local staff compiled 185 runs, of which A. K. Minu contributed 75 and T. Ali 46. Way, for the other side, took 6 wickets for 67 runs, and Dumbor was the next most successful bowler with 2 wickets for 13.

The foreign staff replied with 101 runs, J. R. Way being top scorer with 30, and Gahagan and Peers (not out) each made 13 runs. A. R. Minu took five wickets, conceding 87 runs, while A. K. Minu captured 2 for 12, and M. I. Raznek 2 for 85.

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FANLING HUNT.

FIXTURE LIST FOR FUTURE.

On Sunday, there will be a Cross Country Scramble, meet at Lok Ma Chau Cross Roads at 10.30 a.m. The following other fixtures have been arranged:

Jan. 1st.—Hunt Ride, meet at Hunters Arms, 10.30 a.m.
Jan. 6th.—Paper Hunt, January Cup, meet at Lok Ma Chau Cross Roads, 10.30 a.m.
Jan. 13th.—Point-to-Point, January Cup, meet to be announced.
Jan. 19th.—Steeplechase Race Meeting, Kwai.
Jan. 27th.—K. O. S. B. Gymkhana.

Feb. 2nd and 3rd.—Paper Chase etc. at Canton, by kind invitation of the members of the Canton Ride.

By the kind invitation of Lt. Col. L. J. Comyn and the Officers of the 2nd Bn. K.O.S.B., two events in the Gymkhana on Jan. 27th are confined to the subscribers of the Fanling Hunt. Conditions will be announced later.

Any members desiring information re paper chase, etc. at Canton, can obtain same from Messrs. Thomson & Co., York Building, Chater Road.

No fixtures can yet be arranged with the hounds as yet, owing to an outbreak of distemper, and as soon as conditions improve, particulars will be announced.

FORGED BANKNOTE CASE.

COMMITTAL TO BE REQUESTED.

Kam Singh, who appeared last week, before Major C. Willson, on charges arising out of the possession of 89 forged Hongkong and Shanghai Bank notes and two rounds of ammunition, was again brought before the Magistrate this morning, when, on the application of Detective Inspector Lane, the hearing of the case was fixed for Friday afternoon next, January 4.

D. I. Lane informed his Worship that he had been instructed by Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, to ask for committal on both charges.

In answer to his Worship, the defendant indicated that he would be represented by Mr. Russ. Major Willson, observing that the defendant had been brought into Court without his turban, instructed Detective Inspector Lane to see that on his next appearance, the defendant's headgear be restored to him.

Inspector Lane assured his Worship that the matter would be arranged as desired.

WIRELESS BROADCAST.

THE LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

Broadcast by G.O.W. on 300 metres, 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Demonstration Programme.

7.45 p.m. Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Evening Programme. (Columbia Records).

"Poet and Peasant," Overture.
Grenadier Guards Band.

"La Ronde Des Laites," Violin.
Mayer Garden. Violin.

"Polonaise," Mayer Garden. Violin.
"The Jewels of the Madonna," Intermezzo. B.B.C. Symphony Orch.

"Martial Moments," Grenadier Guards Band.
"Ave Maria," Squire Celeste Octet.

"On Wings of Song," Squire Celeste Octet.
"The Creation," With Verses Chant.

John Bonner, Boy Soprano.
"Popular Songs," Layton and Johnson.

"Oh Kay," Layton and Johnson.

"Summer Days Suite," (a) Wood Nymphs, Queen's Hall Orchestra.
(b) At the Dance, Queen's Hall Orchestra.
"The Bronze Horse," Overture, London Symphony Orchestra.
"Lohengrin," Bridal Chorus, Columbia Grand Opera Company.
"Tannhauser," Grand March, Columbia Grand Opera Company.
"Four Indian Love Lyrics," Union Symphony Orchestra.
"The Jewess," The Faithless Men, Norman Allin, Bass.
"Little Cattle, Little Cows," Norman Allin, Bass.
"Tannhauser," Bacchanale, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.
"Rosamunde," Overture, Halle Orchestra.
"Drinking," Capiton Zaporozhetz, Bass.
"Song of the Flea," Capiton Zaporozhetz, Bass.
"Carmen," Selections, B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra.
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NEW FLATS TO OUST OLD LANDMARK.

Further evidence of the rapid development of the peninsula of Kowloon is forthcoming in the activities of a number of workmen who, in the last few days, have engaged in demolition work on the premises known as Victoria View, one of the older landmarks of Kowloon.

While it is difficult to say for how many years Victoria View has been standing, it is safe to say that the block is one of the oldest on the Peninsula. Ten years ago each house had a tennis court, and fronted as they were they provided a pleasant little backwater in the midst of the developing area around them. The Kowloon Hotel and the private residence now known as Marble Hall were built on part of the tennis courts, and now Victoria View itself is to go.

At present the block is being used as a private hotel. It is not to disappear entirely, for the moment at any rate. Only two of the houses constituting the block are being pulled down, to provide a suitable building site for the erection of more modern premises. The two houses are those on the Nathan Road side and when they have been demolished there will be a vacant site sufficiently large for the erection of an imposing block of property similar in many respects to the adjoining one facing Nathan Road which is now nearing completion.

Completion Next Year.

The new flats will front to Nathan Road on one side and Peking Road on the other. Building operations will be carried further back on the Marble Hall side with the result that the new premises on that side of the building on all floors.

The demolition of the two houses will be completed in a few days and after the site has been cleared, piling operations will be started. The new block should be completed before the end of next year and will be a pleasing addition to the modern buildings of the Peninsula and mark a further step forward in the development of Nathan Road.

The property now being demolished passed into the hands of Mr. Leung Kwai-tin some years ago. After consultation with Mr. Alfred J. Lane, architect of China Building, plans have been prepared by Mr. S. L. Au and Mr. C. Y. Chiu for a block of modern flats to replace part of the older building.

Very Roomy Flats.

The ground floor will be devoted to shops, while on the Marble Hall side there will be extremely roomy flats on the first, second and third floors. These will consist of a hall, drawing room and dining room, three bedrooms and bathrooms and servants' quarters. Flats in the centre portion of the building will consist of a hall, dining and drawing rooms and one bedroom, while on the Peking Road side there will be a hall, dining and drawing rooms, and two bedrooms. This arrangement will be carried out on all three floors.

Provision has been made in the plans for wide verandahs along the frontage to Nathan Road of 166 feet and along Peking Road.

After the completion of the new block it is likely that further building work will be carried out and in

COUNCIL MEETING.

SIX NEW BILLS PASS ALL THEIR STAGES.

The only business of public interest at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council was the passing through all remaining stages of six new Bills, the first readings of which were taken at the last meeting.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. Willfred T. Southern, C.M.G.) presided and there were also present:

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G.).

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.).

The Attorney General (Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C.).

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer, O.B.E.).

The Director of Public Works (Hon. Mr. H. T. Crensy, C.B.E.).

The Captain Superintendent of Police (Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.).

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North).

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C.

Hon. Sir Shouson Chow.

Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D.

Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes.

Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes.

Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith.

Mr. H. R. Butters (Deputy Clerk of Councils).

On the motion of the Attorney General, seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the following Bills passed their remaining stages and became law:

An Ordinance to amend the Larceny Ordinance, 1866.

An Ordinance to amend the Magistrates Ordinance, 1890.

An Ordinance to amend the law with respect to the carriage of goods by sea.

An Ordinance to protect the registered proprietor of any design registered in the United Kingdom.

An Ordinance to amend further the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903.

An Ordinance to amend the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, 1916.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, in announcing that the Council would adjourn *sine die*, said he hoped that, before they met again they would have the privilege of having Sir Cecil Clementi back in his place. He took the opportunity of thanking hon. members for their help and assistance during the period he had been administering the Government, and concluded by wishing all a very happy New Year. (Applause).

In a demand for 2,400 aeroplanes the United States War Department declares that the present Liberty engine is unreliable and should be replaced by others.

this case it seems likely that the greater part of Victoria View will disappear in the next few years. The part remaining standing will continue to be used as a private hotel until such time as the growing needs of the Peninsula make it necessary for older property to give way to modern buildings more in keeping with the development of Kowloon.

TRAFFIC CASES.

SCHOOLBOY DRIVES A PUBLIC CAR.

An escapade which ended disastrously led to the appearance before Major C. Willson yesterday afternoon, of Wong Kai-wing, a schoolboy, on two summonses, of negligent driving and driving without a licence.

It was stated that upon being refused a driver's licence on account of his tender years, Wong borrowed a public-car at the Pedder Street stand, whose driver was reassured by Wong's telling him that he had a licence. He then took a party of cronies for a drive around the island, all going well until Wong took the wrong side of a bend at Macdonnell Road and collided with a car owned by the Consul for Cuba.

Wong was fined \$25 for negligent driving and a further \$10 for driving without a licence. He also agreed to pay compensation for the damage done to both cars, "provided this be reasonable."

Obstruction Cases.

Amongst the other offenders brought before Major Willson was the driver of public car No. 527 against whom there were five different summonses for obstruction. He was fined \$5 on each summons.

Pursued by a traffic officer for speeding, another public car driver led a merry chase from the Star Ferry to the Police Club at Happy Valley before he was overtaken. The offender was fined \$15.

Despite repeated warnings, the driver of public car No. 1487 persisted in loitering and obstructing the Hongkong Hotel entrance. A police officer stated that the man moved off, upon receiving one of these warnings, but it was not long before he was back at the same spot again. A fine of \$10 was inflicted.

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SANITARY BOARD.

MR. BRAGA'S QUESTIONS ON RABID DOGS.

That dogs suspected of rabid tendencies, which were taken to the Mongkok Dogs' Home, if released and returned to their owners developed tick fever and died, was a statement made by Mr. J. P. Braga at a meeting of the Sanitary Board held at the Post Office Building yesterday afternoon. Mr. Braga made the above statement after the President (Mr. G. R. Sayer) had replied to two questions asked by Mr. Braga, as follows:

Q. How long is it since the last case of rabies was officially reported to the Sanitary Department as occurring in the Colony?

A. The last case was confirmed on 13th December, 1927.

Q. Have any dogs suspected of the disease, been proved to be rabid?

A. None since the last case.

Mr. Braga pointed out that he had put the questions at the instance of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, who had made representations to him to ask the questions. As a matter arising out of the replies, Mr. Braga said he would like to say that dogs suspected of rabies had been sent to the Mongkok Home, and on being returned to their owners, the dogs had developed tick fever and died. He suggested that the matter should be investigated.

The rest of the business was formal.

Those present, in addition to the President and Mr. Braga, were the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, C.B.E., Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. Wong Kwong-ling, Dr. S. W. Tso, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Dr. G. W. Pope, and Mr. J. Watson (secretary).

SMALL-POX OUTBREAK.

EIGHTY-ONE CASES REPORTED LAST WEEK.

The Medical Officer of Health's weekly return of notifiable diseases for the seven days ended on Saturday shows that 81 cases of small-pox were reported, seven of enteric fever, two of diphtheria and one of puerperal fever.

Of the 81 small-pox cases, 67 were reported from Kowloon and 13 from the Victoria registration district. All were Chinese with the exception of one Japanese.

All the other cases were Chinese except that of puerperal fever, where a Portuguese was the victim. There were two deaths from diphtheria, one from enteric fever and one from puerperal fever. There was also one death reported from influenza, which is not notifiable.

The return for December 24, 25 and 26, gave 14 cases of small-pox (13 Chinese and one Japanese), one from diphtheria (British) and one from enteric fever (Chinese).

POLAR EXPEDITION.

COMMANDER BYRD REACHES ROSS ICE BARRIER.

Washington, Dec. 27. Commander Byrd's expedition to the South Pole is nearing its proposed main base in the Bay of Whales. A wireless message has informed the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Wilbur, that the Ross ice barrier was reached on Tuesday.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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PUBLIC MONEY.

VOTES AMOUNTING TO \$85,734 APPROVED.

Supplementary expenditure amounting to \$85,734 was approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council at a meeting held yesterday, presided over by the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.).

In regard to an item for \$20,653 for the reconstruction of Wong-nichong Nullah, section No. 3, from Bowrington Canal to Chinese stand, the Director of Public Works explained, in reply to Sir Henry Pollock, that this did not complete the whole of the nullah work. Section No. 4 had still to be done.

Sir Henry Pollock drew attention to the very low rate at which certain rails of the Kowloon-Canton Railway had been disposed of, and was informed by the Colonial Secretary that they had been lying about since 1909 and had been condemned on the recommendation of a Board of Survey.

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LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page: WHIP, SHIP, SHIN, SHUN, SPUN, SPUR.

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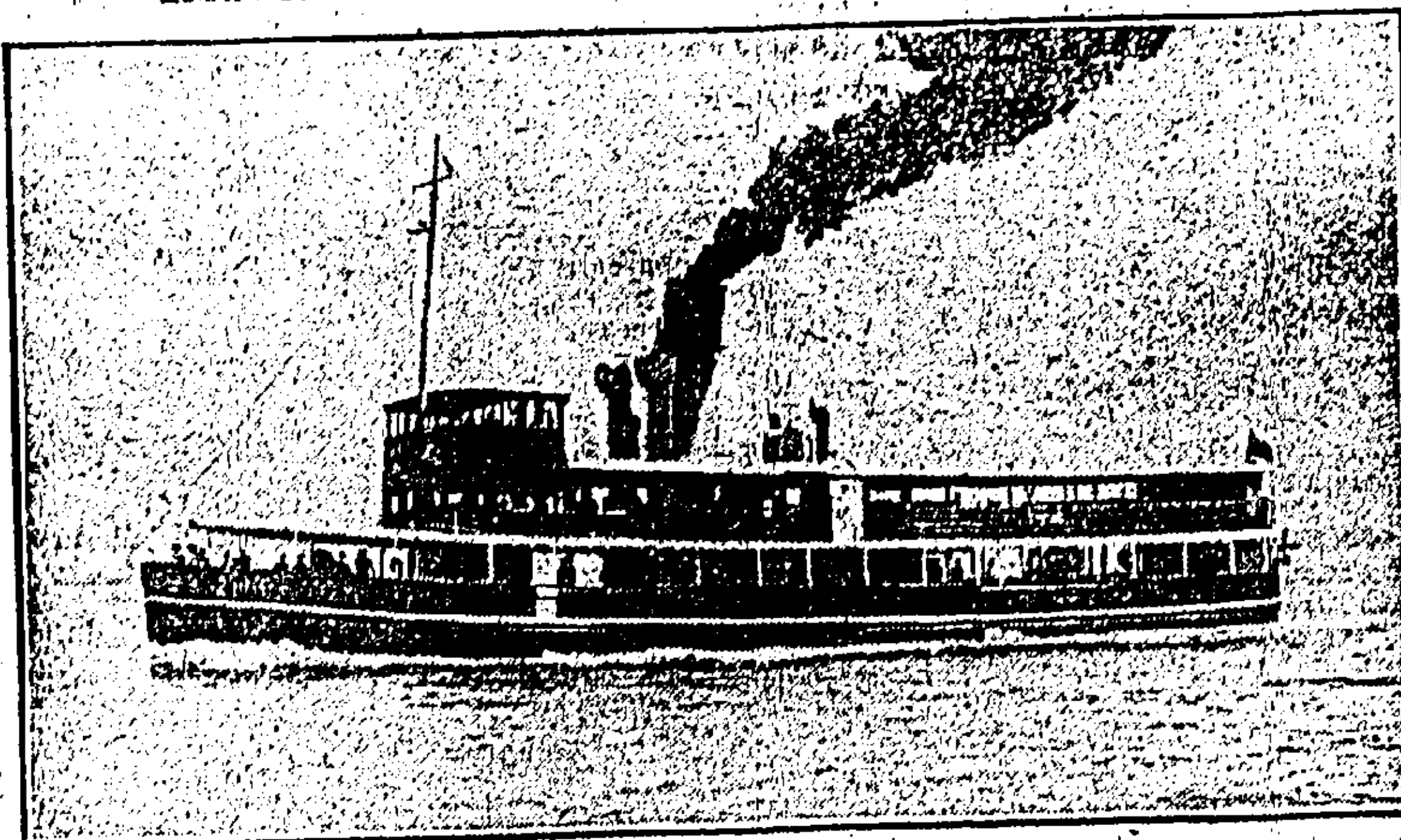
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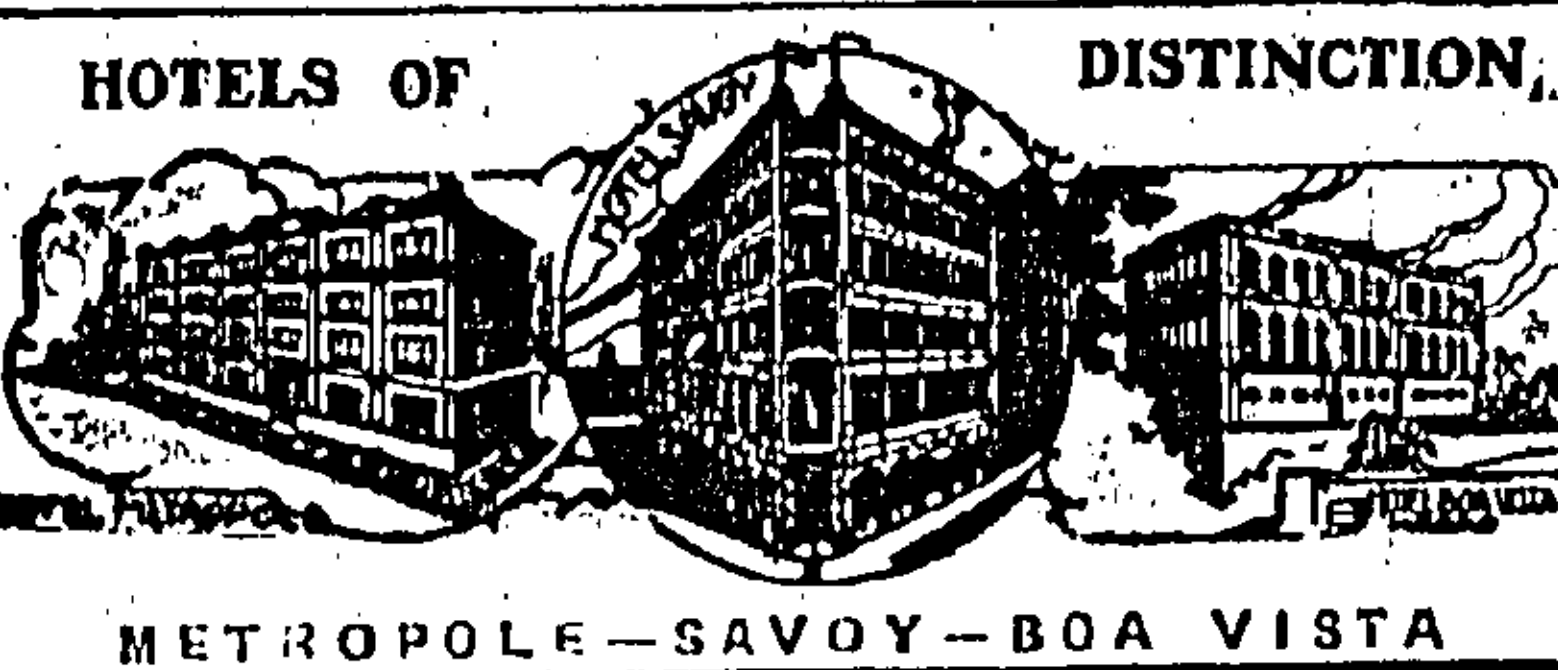
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MACAO QUESTION DISCUSSED.

SHANGHAI PORTUGUESE MOST
INDIGNANT.

A RESENTED ARTICLE.

Shanghai, Dec. 22.
A mass meeting of the local
Portuguese community was held
yesterday at the Club Lusitano,
and there were present over 300
persons including some ladies.

On November 24, last the *China
Weekly Review* published a long ar-
ticle by "J.A.J." on the "Macao
Question," which was transcribed
by a Canton paper printed in En-
glish. The article being full of in-
accuracies, has united the Portu-
guese communities of Canton,
Hongkong, Macao, Shanghai and
Japan in a most vigorous protest.

Mr. J. F. Pereira, the oldest
Portuguese resident in Shanghai,
presided at yesterday's mass meet-
ing and was supported by two sec-
retaries, Messrs. E. A. Garcia and
M. F. R. Leitao.

A telegram from Macao was
read informing the local Portu-
guese community of the action taken
at Macao, and on the subject be-
ing put to the meeting for discus-
sion, Mr. P. A. Leitao made a
patriotic speech, which was fol-
lowed by others by Messrs. J. M.
Tavares, C. J. Machado and V.
Nunes. All the speeches were re-
ceived with applause.

Mr. J. M. Tavares seconded by
Mr. C. J. Machado put up a mo-
tion which was unanimously car-
ried to the effect that the local
Portuguese community indignantly
protests against the article pub-
lished by the *China Weekly Review*,
that it re-affirms its loyalty to
Portugal and that without excep-
tion its members will always de-
fend Macao, even with their lives,
if necessary.

The meeting, which lasted one
hour, was very enthusiastic
throughout.

MILITARY STABBING AFFAIR.

K.O.S.B. PRIVATE AGAIN
REMANDED.

Private James Boyle, of the
King's Own Scottish Borderers,
who is on remand on a charge of
attempted murder, and, alterna-
tively, of cutting and wounding
Sergeant Kerr of the same reg-
iment, while they were coming out
East on the troopship *Somerset*,
again appeared before Mr.
R. E. Lindsell this morning and was
remanded for one further week.

Detective Inspector Lane, pro-
secuting, said that he communi-
cated with the military authorities
only this morning and was infor-
med that they had no information
as to the present condition of
Sergeant Kerr.

A.P.C. SEND-OFF.

FIRING CRACKERS WITHOUT
PERMISSION.

The firing of crackers from a
launch in the harbour without per-
mission, was the basis of a charge
brought by Commander J. B. Newill
D.S.O., at the Marine Court this
morning, when a plea of guilty was
entered by the master of the s.s.
Taimoshan.

A representative of the Asiatic
Petroleum Company, owners of the
launch, informed His Worship that
the crackers were fired with the
knowledge of the Company, on the
departure of a member of the
staff for home, and asked for
leniency for what was a technical
breach.

His Worship recorded a convic-
tion but discharged the defendant.

SERIOUS BELGIAN FLOODS.

OUTLOOK BLACKENED BY
SPRING TIDES.

Brussels, Dec. 27.
Serious inundations of the whole
district north of Tournai have
occurred as the result of a violent
gale, which caused the tidal waters
to rush in along the Scheldt.

Nearly seven thousand acres, in-
habited by 10,000 people, are now
under water.

The outlook is made even blacker
by the contemplation of high spring
tides expected on December 29th,
coupled with the hopelessness of
attempting to dam up the Scheldt.
—Reuter.

While refereeing a football
match at Aberdeen F. S. White-
head was knocked unconscious by
the ball.

ANKING PIRACY RECALLED.

CHINESE ON TRIAL AT
THE SESSIONS.

EVIDENCE TURNS ON POINT
OF IDENTIFICATION.

SEASICK ON SHIP.

The piracy of the s.s. *Anking*,
in the course of which a European
officer and a Chinese quarter-
master were killed, and Capt.
Flunkett Cole, the master, was
wounded, was recalled at the
Criminal Sessions this morning,
before the Chief Justice (Sir
Henry Gollan), when the trial of
Yuen Ping-kwan, alleged to be
one of the pirates, was com-
menced.

The case for the Crown is in
the hands of Mr. Somerset Fitzroy,
and Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K. C. is
defending.

There are two counts against
the prisoner, both of which are
set out at considerable length,
one being a charge of piracy
with violence, and the other, an
alternative count of piracy.

Outlining the case for the
Crown, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy
touched on the question of the
jurisdiction of the Admiralty,
pointing out that such jurisdiction
extended throughout the high
seas.

Counsel continued that the ship
was at Singapore on September
23 where she took on board some
1,400 passengers, most of whom
were scattered about the decks.
She was proceeding to China
coast ports and was not going to
Hongkong.

The Piracy Recounted.

Everything was normal, con-
tinued Mr. Fitzroy, until Septem-
ber 26, when, a little after half
past six in the evening, armed
pirates rushed the bridge, over-
powered and shot the Captain,
Chief Officer and a Chinese
Quartermaster, the latter two be-
ing killed, and secured command
of the ship.

Counsel then proceeded to deal
with the subsequent events, in-
cluding the disabling of the wire-
less installation. He then told
the story of the ship being
navigated without any lights at
night, passing within 75 miles of
Hongkong, and reaching Hong
Kai Bay at about ten o'clock at
night on the 28th.

Replying to His Lordship with
regard to the ship's arms, Mr.
Fitzroy said it appeared that
each officer had a rifle slung
above his cabin in a rack and
also had a revolver underneath
his bunkers. If an attack
was made when an officer was
out of his cabin, he would have
to go to his cabin unless he was
carrying a firearm with him.

Must Separate.

His Lordship:—If there is
trouble, the officers have to
separate in order to get their
arms and then come together
again.

Mr. Fitzroy replied in the
affirmative, pointing out that in
an organised raid it would be
difficult to get to their cabins.
He thought, however, that the
arms were not held with a view
to piracy but rather to quell out-
breaks caused by people running
amok.

Mr. Fitzroy then proceeded to
tell of the looting of the ship and
its subsequent release.

Dealing with the prisoner,
counsel said he was identified by
four different people. The wire-
less operator, who was the most
important witness, would say
that the prisoner climbed on to
the roof of the wireless room and
cut the leads. The witness would
also speak of seeing the prisoner
armed with a revolver. He would
further say that he was struck
by the prisoner when he (the
wireless operator) gave an un-
satisfactory reply to a question
regarding armaments.

Prisoner Seesick.

The prisoner was apparently
assigned to a position on the
lower deck where he became sea-
sick and was attended to by the
assistant carpenter, who was
also a witness. Two saloon boys,
who also saw the prisoner sea-
sick, would identify him.

Explaining how the prisoner
was arrested, Mr. Fitzroy said
that a police launch (in charge
of Sgt. W. E. Goldsmith) was
on patrol near Kowloon Bay on
October 5 when a junk was
observed coming through Lyemun
Pass. The police boarded the
junk and discovered the prisoner
in a small hatch.

As prisoner had on him a
certain amount of jewellery, and
notes of various denominations,
suspicion was aroused, with the
result that he was arrested and
detained. He gave an unsatis-
factory explanation as to where
he obtained the articles but, con-
tinued, counsel, in fairness to
the prisoner, it should be said

DARCOILA TRIAL ADJOURNED.

TELEGRAM THAT AUTHORISED
CHINESE CREW.

SOLVES THE PROBLEM?

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of any defence which he might
have had.

For Shipping Office.

At this stage, Commander
Newill said that the whole thing
appeared to him to be a dispute
over agreement and should have
been dealt with by the Shipping
Office instead of the Marine Court.

Mr. Russ:—Yesterday I was very
much prepared to hold that view,
but I really think it is a thing
which should be made public. It
is astounding that a ship should
be run like this. I don't want to
say too much.

Commander Newill:—The report
of the proceedings in the Shipping
Office goes to the Board of Trade.
If it is a question of food or the
condition of the ship, it is primarily
a question to be dealt with by the
Shipping Office.

Mr. Russ thought this course
would be eminently satisfactory.

Continuing, his Worship said that
he thought the whole proceedings
could be precipitated by transfer-
ring the matter to the Shipping
Office in the first instance.

Prejudiced Evidence?

Mr. Brutton's opinion was that
what would be heard at the Ship-
ping Office would be in the nature of
prejudiced evidence as certain
people had been on board to make
an inspection after complaints had
been laid.

Mr. Russ observed that one could
hardly call a person like the Rev.
Mr. Walgrave a prejudiced wit-
ness, but it appeared that those who
have been on board had been con-
vinced against their will.

Commander Newill said the hand-
ling over of the matter to the Ship-
ping Office would be the best way
of starting off, as it could at least
be dealt with much quicker than in
the Court.

Mr. Russ:—I should think that
anybody who had the true interest
of the Mercantile Marine at heart
would like the proceedings to be
heard privately.

Mr. Brutton then handed his
Worship a form, after reading
which his Worship said: "That is
the answer."

The telegram was also shown to
Mr. Russ, who exclaimed: "Yes,
now I understand exactly what
was told yesterday but which I did
not believe."

A Chinese Crew?

It is understood that the telegram
was sent to the Captain, authorizing
him to engage a Chinese crew, what-
ever the result of the proceedings,
and instructing him to sail without
delay.

Mr. Russ raised the point of his
clients' protection, expressing the
hope that the men would be left
in the hands of his Worship, and the
Shipping Office and not with the
Master.

His Worship explained that the
men were fully protected by agree-
ment.

The Court will sit again this
afternoon at 4 p.m. when it is hoped
that the Shipping Office will have
dealt with the matter to the satis-
faction of all concerned.

NEW TO THE PORT.

ARRIVAL OF DUTCH S.S.
BENGKALIS.

A vessel new to the port,
registering in morning's Harbour
Office Reports, was the s.s. *Beng-
kalis*, of the J.C.J.L., from Seattle
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eral cargo, including 12,000 cases
of kerosene.

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by the Maats. Pyncood, of Rotter-
dam, to the order of the Steam-
Maats "Nederland," and is a steel
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and 4,165 tons net, with a length
of 177 feet, beam 52 feet and
depth 33 feet, engaged by the
builders to 435 N.H.P.

The master is Captain J. F.
Strakkenbroek, with a crew of 12
Europeans and 44 Asiatics.

MORE EMPLOYMENT.

BRITISH FIGURES SHOW
IMPROVEMENT.

London, Dec. 27.
The Ministry of Labour an-
nounces that on December 17th
the total number of unemployed
was 1,271,100.

This was 49,312 less than the
week before, but 171,048 more
than a year ago.

A decrease in unemployment is
generally expected about Christ-
mas-time.—*British Wireless.*

that not a single article had been
identified as having been taken
from the *Anking*, although ad-
vertisements had been put in the
papers.

The trial is proceeding.

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